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Men with Crazy Horse Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment prepare for a mission earlier this year at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Gen. McChrystal to build team of specialists for Afghan fight



McChrystal

Stars and Stripes

The new U.S. commander in Afghanistan will build a team of high-ranking specialists with a dedicated, long-term focus on defeating the Taliban and rebuilding the contested nation, The New York Times reported Thursday.

According to the Times, Gen. Stanley McChrystal will have "carte blanche" to bring together 400 officers and senior enlisted servicemembers in what will be called the Pakistan-Afghanistan

Coordination Cell

McChrystal was confirmed by the Senate late Wednesday as the new leader of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan. He immediately boarded a plane that was scheduled to take him to meetings with a pair of European allies before dropping him in Kabul, the paper wrote.

Among his first tasks is to assemble his team — expected to include many special operations forces — who will rotate regularly between the United States and Afghanistan

for a period of at least three years. McChrystal said the repeated deployments to the same areas will help them accumulate expertise on the regions and people they will deal with. When back in the States, members of this team still will be focused on Afghanistan projects.

Brig. Gen. Scott Miller, a special operations veteran, is expected to lead the unit, which grew out of a similar group McChrystal commanded in Iraq.

"The biggest complaint we hear

from Afghans is that they get to know a new unit, spend a few good months working with them, and then the troops redeploy and are never seen again," a senior military official told *The Wall Street Journal*. "This is a way of capturing some of that expertise."

McChrystal replaces Gen. David McKiernan, who was relieved of command by Defense Secretary Robert Gates. McKiernan is expected to retire.

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OF THE DAY

"When you see kids not scared to go outside, you know you did your job. You took out the threat. Not just for yourself, but for innocent people."

—Staff Sgt. David Earls, Crazy Horse Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, on the pride he felt making the streets of Iraq more safe

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NATO to reduce troop levels in Kosovo

Officials stress need for 'balance' of global forces in Afghanistan

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

Citing steady improvement in security conditions, NATO defense ministers decided Thursday that the time has come for a phased downsizing of troop levels in Kosovo.

Though timelines and troop numbers were not specified, defense ministers concurred that the 15,000-strong NATO peacekeeping force — which includes around 1,400 Americans — should transition into a smaller "deterrent presence." Future troop levels will be decided by the North Atlantic Council, NATO said in a press release Thursday afternoon. The council is made up of representatives of member countries and has decision-making powers.

While the first day of the two-day conference centered on Kosovo, the agenda shifts on Fri-

day as U.S. officials are expected to once again push for more troop support from NATO allies in Afghanistan.

At NATO's summit in Strasbourg-Kehl in April, European partners agreed to send some 5,000 additional troops to help ensure the safety of Afghan voters during this summer's presidential election. But they stopped short of agreeing to keep those forces in place beyond the August vote.

Ivo H. Daalder, America's new ambassador to NATO, earlier this week stressed the need for increased troop support beyond election day.

"NATO's mission does not stop with the elections," Daalder said during a pre-conference speech in Brussels. "This is not a U.S. exercise that we have asked others to join; this is a NATO mission, and we expect others — Euro-

peans, Canadians, and partners — to contribute their fair share."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates is in Brussels for meetings with his European counterparts. Other issues under consideration include NATO's counter-piracy efforts off the coast of Somalia.

Afghanistan, where the U.S. is nearly doubling its troop commitment this year, continues to be the primary focus for NATO. European leaders for years have resisted making more substantial troop commitments because of the war's unpopularity.

NATO officials say without more commitments from partner nations, the Afghanistan effort runs the risk of being stamped an American mission as more U.S. troops move in.

"We need to avoid a situation in which the operation is unbalanced politically," said James Appathurai, NATO spokesman,

during a pre-conference briefing on Monday.

"[The U.S. increase] is something we need to welcome, but we also need to ensure that there is balance in terms of contribution to this mission, because if there is an imbalance, it is politically more difficult to sustain," Appathurai continued. "But also it's simply in terms of equitable burden-sharing and fairness, we would like to see the European allies doing as much as they can."

Meanwhile, NATO's Standing NATO Maritime Group One, which has been involved in maritime security operations off the coast of Somalia since March, also was under review Thursday.

The NATO mission will expire on June 28 and defense ministers are examining whether to extend the mission.

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McChrystal: General was given 'his pick' from Joint Staff

MCCHRYSTAL, FROM PAGE 1

For the first time, a three-star general will serve as the top deputy in Afghanistan. Lt. Gen. David M. Rodriguez is expected to handle day-to-day combat operations.

McChrystal also selected the senior intelligence adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Maj. Gen. Michael T. Flynn to be his director of intelligence in Kabul. Miller, too, had been serving with the Joint Chiefs before being tapped by McChrystal, for whom he had previously worked.

Mullen said he told General McChrystal that "he could have his pick from the Joint Staff. His job, the mission he's going to command, is that important. Afghanistan is the main effort right now," according to the Times.

McChrystal's nomination was pushed through with a little outside help, the Times reported. It said Senate majority leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., took the floor and urged Republicans not to delay the confirmation. He described a phone call from Joint Chiefs Chair Adm. Michael Mullen, saying it was im-

perative that McChrystal be confirmed and aboard the plane that very night.

Reid said that according to Admiral Mullen, "McChrystal is literally waiting by an airplane" to go to Afghanistan as the new commander.

Gates has asked McChrystal to report back within 60 days to give his assessment of the situation in the country and what is needed to carry out President Obama's new strategy, according to The Times.

Death of soldier in warrior transition investigated

Stars and Stripes

Spc. Franklin D. Barnett Jr. was found dead in his barracks room this week at Fort Sam Houston, where the 29-year-old soldier was serving in a Warrior Transition Battalion as he recovered from wounds suffered in Afghanistan, the Army said Wednesday.

The cause of death is under investigation,

according to a press release from Brooke Army Medical Center. He is the third member of the battalion to die in less than three months, according to The San Antonio Express-News. The earlier deaths are also being investigated.

At least 11 soldiers with Fort Sam Houston's Warrior Transition Battalion have died since the unit was created in late 2007, one

of which was blamed on overmedication, the paper reported.

Barnett was awarded the Purple Heart in October. A native of Covington, Ky., he was a combat engineer assigned to the Louisiana National Guard's 927th Engineering Company, the Express-News reported.

He is survived by his wife, according to the paper.

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Gas prices to jump 10 cents in Pacific

By **BYRCE S. DUBEE**
Stars and Stripes

Gas prices at Pacific bases are continuing their steady climb in recent weeks and will jump another 10 cents Saturday, according to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Midgrade unleaded at military exchange gas stations in mainland Japan and Okinawa will increase to \$2.57 a gallon while regular and premium gas in South Korea will cost \$2.71 and \$2.93, respectively. On Guam, a gallon of regular unleaded will run \$2.80.

Diesel prices in Japan rose dramatically this week as well, rising 15 cents to \$2.34 a gallon.

AAFES adjusts its fuel prices weekly, factoring in the average cost for gasoline in the States. Navy Exchange gas stations set their pumps to mirror AAFES prices.

Drivers in mainland Japan and Okinawa, who receive a 25-cent-per-gallon discount from the Japanese government, are still paying about 15 cents less for midgrade than the U.S. national average, which was \$2.73 on Monday, according to U.S. Department of Energy estimates.

Meanwhile, prices in South Korea and Guam again remained above the U.S. national averages, which increased to \$2.62 for regular and \$2.84 for premium.

Gas prices throughout the Pacific have been creeping up steadily since February. But in the past month alone they have jumped up more than 50 cents per gallon.

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From left: Kaoru Teruya, from Torii Station, Okinawa, along with Spc. Lucas Callaghan and Sgt. Jesse Burk, both from the 87th Quartermaster Detachment, fix wooden braces on one of 26 containers of health supplies destined for Sri Lanka.

GIs on Okinawa ready Sri Lanka aid

By **DAVID ALLEN**
Stars and Stripes

TORII STATION, Okinawa — The Army garrison here has responded to cries for help from Sri Lanka, which has been torn apart by a bloody civil war.

In response to reports that some hospitals in the island nation were destroyed in recent fighting, soldiers with the 87th Quartermaster Detachment joined with Japanese warehouse workers from the garrison to load 26 containers of health care, nutritional supplies and vehicles for shipment to Sri Lanka.

According to Chip Steitz, public information officer for the Army on Okinawa, the supplies had been stored in a ware-

house on Camp Kinser to be sold under the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office program.

"They spent four days loading 26 containers filled with \$1.6 million in supplies," Steitz said Thursday. "Included in the relief package were four vehicles and one ambulance."

The medical supplies include salvaged surgical beds and new first aid items, such as bandages.

Steitz said the soldiers and Japanese workers were enthusiastic about participating in the humanitarian effort.

"This truly represents one of the reasons I joined the military," Sgt. Jesse Burk said in a news release. "Our country is blessed with ordinary people who

do extraordinary activities."

Last month, the U.S. State Department told the Army that the Sri Lankan government could use whatever medical supplies it could round up in the wake of intense fighting in the country's north, Steitz said.

"When they heard Sri Lanka had been torn apart by internal conflicts and most of the hospitals were destroyed during the fighting, the garrison pulled together to find a way to help," he said.

The containers were to be trucked to the Naha Military Port by convoy Friday and are scheduled to be shipped to Sri Lanka within a week.

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Afghan military tours Okinawa base



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From left: Col. Jeff Haynes, a 3rd Marine Division staff officer, and Cpl. Oscar Ramirez, an Amphibious Assault Vehicle crewman with the Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, answer questions from Maj. Gen. Rahim Wardak of the 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army on Wednesday at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, during a tour of AAVs. Wardak and delegates from the 201st Corps were touring Marine bases to familiarize themselves with equipment and operations.

Camp Zama change of command June 26

U.S. Army Garrison Japan commander Col. Robert M. Waltemeyer will hand over leadership to Col. Perry Helton on June 26.

The change-of-command ceremony starts at 10 a.m. on the Yano Fitness Center Parade Field at Camp Zama.

Waltemeyer is heading to the Pentagon to lead the Strategic Initiatives Group for the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, base officials said.

Helton comes to Camp Zama from his most recent assignment as 3rd Brigade commander, Eastern Region, United States Army Cadet Command.

DODEA names area superintendents

The Department of Defense Education Activity has named Joyce Lutrey and Paul Dellacroce as area superintendents for curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Pacific and Europe districts, respectively.

They will oversee educational staff and superintendents in their districts and assist with professional development and work on educational reform, according to a DODEA news release Thursday.

Lutrey is the superintendent of Higley Unified School District in Gilbert, Ariz., and has worked as a teacher and principal in Michigan. She earned a master's in curriculum and instruction and a doctorate in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

Dellacroce has 22 years of educational experience and was the superintendent of the Elizabeth C-1 School District in Elizabeth, Colo. He earned his bachelor's in history from the University of Colorado, and holds a master's in curriculum, instruction and assessment from Adams State College in Colorado.

From staff reports

'They'll protect me in any situation'

Unique camaraderie forged by troops downrange lasts far beyond deployment

By GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ
Stars and Stripes

Call it what you want. Band of Brothers. The Brotherhood of Combat. It's a familiar concept these days as America's sons and daughters fight on two fronts. Even for people who don't fight the wars.

It's an unbreakable trust and kinship forged as men push their brains and bodies to the limits each day, together, in an environment that won't forgive them should one man mess up. One guy keeps the next guy going, to keep all the brothers from falling.

That bond is found in shared sweat, blood and Gatorade, and in a can of chew passed around before a patrol, be it on an unfathomably smelly Baghdad street or high in the Afghan mountains.

It has been marketed and sold to the American public in films and video games. It's widely known, but few actually know it.

Spc. Patrick Maurer knew it one day in Iraq during his last deployment, from October 2006 to January 2008, that saw him and his boys, among other missions, taking back Baghdad's hellacious Haifa Street.

It's not just him, he said. All the guys in Crazy Horse Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are tight. Maurer just learned it one day in Iraq.

"As soon as we dismounted, my driver was an older person, having issues off the bat," the 22-year-old said during a break in a patrol in Kirkuk earlier this year, his second deployment. "He was like, 'Maurer, I can't carry this 240, carry it for me.' I was carrying all the ammo, but I was like, 'No problem.'"

Right after that, the soldiers were at-

tacked, Maurer said. Explosions were going off all around them.

"These guys grabbed me and we hauled ass into a building," he said. "These guys are high speed as hell. They'll protect me in any situation. I was confused during my first deployment and these guys were on it."

"I felt completely confident that I would get through that night," he said. "No issues."

Everyone in Maurer's troop are his guys. But Staff Sgt. David Earls, Sgt. Stephen Battisto and Sgt. Bradley Brackett are his boys.

They're on their second deployment together, building on the friendship and trust they developed during their last trip, when Iraq was a lot different.

To hear them tell it, they're good to go as long as they're side by side.

"When I'm with one of these guys, I feel safe," said Brackett, 24. "Just one of them. When I'm with them all, I'm invincible, you know what I'm saying? That's how cool it is."

"They're like my brothers," Earls, 29, said. "If something happens to them, I feel extremely sorry for the person who does something to them."

"Inside and outside Iraq, if they call me with a problem, I don't care if it's two or three in the morning, I'll get up," he said. "I don't care if it's just 'I need someone to talk to,' or you need a ride from San Antonio. I'll do it."

In and out of combat, Maurer, Earls, Brackett and Battisto have been there for each other. Putting your life in another man's hands, and putting his life on you, does that.

"There have been times when they've come over in the middle of the night," Battisto, 23, said. "I was a complete mess



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Spc. Patrick Maurer, right, and Sgt. Bradley Brackett, both of Crazy Horse Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, take a break during a mission earlier this year near Kirkuk, Iraq.

and they came over and we spent four or five hours jamming on the guitar or playing 'Call of Duty.'"

"Drinking," Brackett adds. "Yeah," Battisto says, laughing. "Drinking."

While the whole troop is a family, those outside can never get it, Brackett said.

"They'll never understand unless they're in it," he said. "Never. I have an identical twin brother, we've been close our whole life. He wouldn't understand. He's not been in."

It's beyond friendship, Brackett said.

"You may not like the person," he said. "But you'll work with this person and give your life for this man, every time. It doesn't matter if you hang out on the weekends."

Bonding on Haifa Street

Battisto, Brackett, Earls and Maurer met each other in 2005.

"I hated this man for the longest time!" Maurer said with a smile, pointing at a grinning Earls. "He came to the troop and was my TC (truck commander), and I was like, 'Oh, this'll be fun.'"

Maurer launches into his Earls impression from back then.

"Maurer! What the hell are you doing?"

"I'm standing."

"Shut up!"

Brackett, Earls and Battisto crack up. Maurer's the funny guy.

"It was just like, him messing with me all the time," Maurer said. "I was told when he came to the troop that I was going to have to help him become part of the platoon. It's the complete opposite. This man squared me away in every way possible for the longest time."

They did a lot of things during their last deployment, but they speak most proudly of taking it to the gangs of Haifa Street.

"We went out and found the enemy, and destroyed the enemy," Earls said flatly. "It was just different groups on the street, a lot of murders. When we took the street over in January, there were 77 murders per month. When we got done in February with that mission, there were two murders in one month."

"When you see kids not scared to go outside, you know you did your job," he said. "You took out the threat. Not just for yourself, but for innocent people."

Battisto earned the Bronze Star with "V" for valor for a particularly hellish encounter, when he saved the troop commander's life.

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Sgt. Stephen Battisto, left, and other men of Crazy Horse Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment before a mission to march out of Kirkuk's Forward Operating Base Warrior.

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What does it take for a servicemember to be awarded a medal of valor?

For a personal glimpse of the men and women honored for their deeds in the heat of battle, and an in-depth look at those actions, don't miss the special section HEROES, June 14 inside Stars and Stripes.

Obama seeks closer ties with Kyrgyzstan

By LEILA SARALAYEVA
The Associated Press

President to send delegation to discuss air base situation

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — President Barack Obama has sent a personal message to his Kyrgyzstan counterpart, officials said Thursday, as Washington tries to keep U.S. forces from being evicted from an important air base in the Central Asian nation.

In his letter, Obama thanked President Kurmanbek Bakiyev for Kyrgyzstan's support of U.S.-led military operations in nearby Afghanistan, the Kyrgyz president's office said in a statement.

The statement also quoted Obama as saying a delegation of senior U.S. officials will soon visit the poor former Soviet republic.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman

in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

U.S. forces have had access to the Manas air base outside Bishkek since 2001. The base — a transit point for 15,000 troops and 500 tons of cargo each month to and from Afghanistan — became even more important to the Afghan war effort after neighboring Uzbekistan evicted U.S. troops from a base there.

But in February, Bakiyev stunned Washington by announcing the U.S. base would be closed, citing what he said was inadequate financial compensation

and other concerns.

Russia, which has long been wary of the U.S. presence in Central Asia, was widely believed to be behind the decision. The announcement of the closure came shortly after Moscow, which also has an air base in Kyrgyzstan, pledged more than \$2 billion in aid, loans and investment.

Kyrgyzstan has given U.S. forces until Aug. 18 to vacate Manas. But in recent weeks, speculation has grown that Kyrgyz officials might be reconsidering the decision.

Earlier this week, Afghan leader Hamid Karzai appealed to

Kyrgyzstan to let coalition forces continue using Manas.

Karzai is expected to meet Bakiyev for talks on the base during a summit in Russia later this month.

A Bakiyev spokesman, Almas Turdumamatov, talked down prospects of a new deal.

"The issue of the base has been resolved. The (lease) agreement was revoked. There are no negotiations about a new agreement," Turdumamatov said.

However, a prominent Kyrgyz political analyst said Thursday that a new agreement on the base has been reached already.

"At the moment, they are discussing terms for a new deal to rent Manas airport that is worth \$350 million per year," Alexander Knyazev said. He refused to reveal his source for the information.

The United States currently pays \$17.4 million annual rent for Manas, but contributes \$150 million overall every year to the local economy through service contracts and aid packages, according to U.S. officials.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has previously said that the United States would be willing to pay more, within reason.

Band: Lives change, but the bond doesn't

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"We were being ambushed in an alley," Maurer recalled.

"We took contact by a man holding a child in front of him, spraying AK down the alley. Our commander was like, 'Don't spray, take precision shots.'"

The soldiers followed the man into a smaller part of the alley, where he disappeared.

"We moved forward a little bit ... people heard a grenade hit the ground," he said.

"Sgt. Battisto out of nowhere grabs our commander and shielded him. The commander still took shrapnel, but he saved his life, bottom line."

Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley was a young captain in charge of a rifle company in Vietnam.

A Medal of Honor recipient, he knows a thing or two about heroism and the bonds of war.

"I kept asking myself as a company commander in Vietnam: What is it that motivates these soldiers to do what they have to do every day on the battlefield? We were going on combat assaults, we had stay-behind ambushes, we had requirements for soldiers to go down into tunnels — we called them tunnel rats. You know, I never ran out of volunteers? And it was always a volunteer that had to be a tunnel rat. But soldiers would come runnin' up, and say, 'Sir? I got it. My turn.'"

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Moving on

The guys know it won't be like this forever. Life has other plans for each of them.

"I don't want to sound like [a jerk] or anything, but I just had a kid and got married," Maurer said. "It's put a lot of things in perspective for me. As much as I love these guys and I'd love to be there for them, I also want to be there for my child and my wife. I've seen how a lot of these guys grow up in the military, and they don't get to see their kids or their wife because they're always deployed."

"I plan on getting out and maybe, you know, joining another part of the military," Maurer adds, trailing off.

Brackett eggs Maurer on.

"Just go ahead and tell them."

"Air Force," Maurer says.

Everyone laughs. Much of Maurer's family is Air Force.

"Even when he leaves, we'll still see him, we'll still talk to him," Earls said. "We'll keep in touch no matter what."

Battisto, Brackett, Earls and Maurer saw the same bonds among their sergeants as younger soldiers during their last deployment.



GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Bradley Brackett, right, and Staff Sgt. David Earls on patrol in Kirkuk. Brackett, Earls and the other men from Crazy Horse Troop who deployed together to Iraq say an unbreakable bond forms between guys in their situation.

"I'm about to make my sergeant stripes, and I realize how important being an NCO is," Maurer said. "You have to pass on that knowledge you've gained in the past."

"You have to pass on that friendship, that trust, so that this kind of connection

here never fades," he said. "It's our job to make sure that trust and that connection travels on."

"I never understood it until now."

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3 U.S. contractors ordered freed in Iraq

By KIM GAMEL
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Three American contractors detained during an investigation into the slaying of another American have been ordered released, but two others remain in custody on drug charges, the Iraqi government said Thursday.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh, correcting an earlier statement, said only one of the men had been released as of late Thursday because of bureaucratic delays involving the other two. He said earlier that all three had been freed.

Corporate Training Unlimited, a Fayetteville, N.C.-based security company,



Kitterman

confirmed that its owner, Donald Feeney Jr., had been freed but four other American employees, including Feeney's son, were still detained.

The case has been seen as the first test of a provision in a U.S.-Iraqi security pact that lifted the immunity U.S. contractors had enjoyed for most

of the 6-year-old war. But it has been surrounded by confusion as American and Iraqi officials have given varying informa-

tion about the circumstances involved.

U.S.-backed Iraqi forces detained the contractors June 3 in connection with an investigation into the stabbing death of contractor Jim Kitterman of Houston.

Kitterman, a 60-year-old construction company owner, was found dead in his car on May 22 in Baghdad's Green Zone. He had been blindfolded, bound and stabbed.

U.S. and Iraqi officials have said the five detained Americans were not accused in Kitterman's death but were detained in a raid that was part of the investigation into the killing.

The U.S. Embassy said FBI agents were present during a search of the men's quarters at the request of Iraqi authorities who

are handling the investigation.

Al-Dabbagh said Wednesday that an investigative judge had ordered all five freed due to insufficient evidence. But he said Thursday that two of the suspects remained in custody on drug charges.

Feeney, 55, who founded the company in 1986, was detained with his son, Donald Feeney III, 31, and three other employees, according to CTU spokeswoman Sarah Smith.

Smith has said the CTU contractors knew Kitterman as "simply comrades living in the Green Zone."

CTU trains corporate officials on how to avoid terrorists while overseas.

Petraeus sees 'difficult times' in Afghan fight

By KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Gen. David Petraeus said Wednesday that after two years of backsliding, May was the worst month for violent "security incidents" in Afghanistan since the country's liberation from Taliban government control.

"There is no question that the situation has deteriorated over the past two years, in particular, and that there are difficult times ahead," he said.

While 70 percent of the fighting happens in just 10 percent of the country's districts, including near opium centers south of Kandahar and along the ring road, the CENTCOM commander said he expects



Petraeus

violence to spread as U.S. forces begin to take the fight to insurgents and extremists.

Speaking Thursday to a Washington think tank, Petraeus laid out a broad assessment of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, reporting that the buildup of military forces and civilian workers in Afghanistan is on track, as is the drawdown of forces in Iraq.

But more work is needed in both theaters, the four-star general stressed.

"We are concerned about the continuation of attacks [in Iraq]. That shows the residual capability of al-Qaida in Iraq, in particular," he said, as well as Iran's continued support for Shia extremists.

Despite "periodic sensational attacks" that are coming every three weeks, Petraeus said, the dramatic overall decrease of attacks in Iraq as the U.S. closes joint security stations and outposts remains a positive sign.

"Afghanistan, on the other hand, is headed in the other direction," he said. "There are some tough months ahead."

Those will come as the U.S. goes after extremist safe havens, he explained.

Many of those groups, however, are located inside Pakistan.

Petraeus said he was confident the Pakistani army is not only taking the threat seriously, but is effectively clearing some areas and tasking groups of soldiers to hold those areas.

"There is no question, I think, at this point, that the Pakistanis see very clearly the existential threat that is posted to their country by the extremists — in particular, by the Pakistani Taliban who have caused such problems in the Northwest Frontier Province."

"The Pakistani military has responded very strongly in Swat" and other districts, he added.

To be sure, Pakistani requests for security assistance, which usually take a long time to fill, are being met quickly, Petraeus said. Within two or three weeks of receiving a request from Pakistan, he said, the U.S. on Wednesday delivered to Pakistan four refurbished MI-17 cargo helicopters intended for counterinsurgency

operations.

The delivery comes just days after U.S. special envoy to the region Richard Holbrooke traveled to Islamabad at the request of President Barack Obama, pledging another \$200 million in U.S. aid.

Petraeus repeated to the Center for New American Security a now-familiar strain that the problems of the region "require whole of government approaches, not just military approaches," requiring diplomacy and humanitarian aid.

Additionally, the United States must aggressively and effectively wage war in the information arena.

"When you're dealing with the press, when you're dealing with the tribal leaders, when you're dealing with host nations, when you're dealing with your bosses, whatever it may be, you've got to beat the bad guys to the headlines," he said.

"You've got to be first with the truth."

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Afghanistan: Airstrike missed militant leader

KABUL — U.S. airstrikes in western Afghanistan missed their target of a militant commander and instead killed 12 other militants and 10 civilians, provincial officials said Thursday.

The U.S. military originally said the strike killed a warlord named Mullah Mustafa but now say he apparently survived. In a statement issued Thursday, the U.S. said "credible reports surfaced that Mustafa survived the attack" in Ghor province.

The U.S. said it was investigating reports that civilians had been killed.

The U.S. statement said "unsubstantiated reports of civilian casualties emerged" Thursday. The military said that its review of the operation supports the idea that all those killed were militants, but said they are still examining reports.

The U.S. previously said 16 of Mustafa's men were killed in the strike.

From The Associated Press

Conway hopes to see more 'dwell time'

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps hopes to give Marines 14 months at home after deployments by mid-2010, Corps Commandant

Gen. James Conway said Thursday.

Currently, Marines spend seven months deployed and seven months home, but that could change now that the Corps has grown to 202,000 ahead of schedule, and with almost all Marines expected to leave Iraq next spring, Conway said.

"That's going to be very helpful, we think, for our families," he said. "We think that young Marines who maybe haven't had a



Conway

chance to meet someone are going to be afforded that opportunity."

Marines will also use that extra time to train for amphibious landings and to fight conventional wars, two types of skill-sets that have deteriorated as the Corps has focused on counterinsurgency, he said.

"We believe very strongly in this capacity of the Marine Air Ground Task Force," Conway said.

"Its core competency is maneuvering under its own fires and rolling up on an enemy just as the smoke lifts. We used to do 10 of those [exercises] a year at Twentynine Palms. Today we do none."

The importance of Marines getting back to their traditional warfighting skills is underscored by current tensions on the Korean peninsula, he said.

If a conflict broke out, Marines would likely be called upon to launch amphibious operations, he said.

Defense Secretary Robert

Gates implied in April that amphibious landings might be a thing of the past, noting that the Corps' last major landing was in 1950.

Asked about Gates' comments later that month, Conway said the Corps had launched amphibious operations since then, most notably when Marines helped to evacuate U.S. citizens from Lebanon in 2006.

Conway quickly added that the Corps would be able to do the job eventually.

"But I'm simply arguing we can do it better when we're trained to it, and that's the value of this 1:2 deployment to dwell: to give us the opportunity to give those young Marines more time with the families and more time to, again, relax at home, but also to get on these training fields and get back some of these core competencies that have withered over time," he said.

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Key Iraqi bridge reopens



Photos courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Above: A truck crosses the Mujarrah bridge after it was reopened recently near Fallujah. Right: The Mujarrah bridge is shown shortly after it was destroyed by a car bomb in 2007.



IN THE WORLD

WHO declares swine flu pandemic

By MARIA CHENG
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The Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic Thursday — the first global flu epidemic in 41 years — as infections in the United States, Europe, Australia, South America and elsewhere climbed to nearly 30,000 cases.

The long-awaited pandemic announcement is scientific confirmation that a new flu virus has emerged and is quickly circling the globe.

WHO will now ask drugmakers to speed up production of a swine flu vaccine, which it said would be available after September. The declaration will also prompt governments to devote more money toward efforts to contain the virus.

WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan made the announcement Thursday after the U.N. agency held an emergency meeting with flu experts. Chan said she was moving to phase 6 — the agency's highest alert level — which means a pandemic, or global epidemic, is under way.

"The world is moving into the early days of its first influenza pandemic in the 21st century," Chan told reporters. "The virus is now unstoppable."

"However, we do not expect to see a sudden and dramatic jump in the number of severe and fatal infections," she added.

On Thursday, WHO said 74 countries had reported 28,774 cases of swine flu, including 144



WILLIAM FERNANDO MARTINEZ/AP

A child wears a mask as a precaution against swine flu at a hospital in Bogota, Colombia, on Thursday.

deaths. Chan described the danger posed by the virus as "moderate."

The agency has stressed that most cases are mild and require no treatment, but the fear is that a rash of new infections could overwhelm hospitals and health authorities — especially in poorer countries.

Still, about half of the people who have died from swine flu were previously young and healthy — people who are not usually susceptible to flu. Swine flu is also crowding out regular flu viruses. Both features are typical of pandemic flu viruses.

The last pandemic — the Hong Kong flu of 1968 — killed about 1 million people. Ordinary flu kills about 250,000 to 500,000 people

each year.

Swine flu is also continuing to spread during the start of summer in the northern hemisphere. Normally, flu viruses disappear with warm weather, but swine flu is proving to be resilient.

"What this declaration does do is remind the world that flu viruses like H1N1 need to be taken seriously," said Kathleen Sebelius, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, warning

that more cases could crop up in the fall.

"We need to start preparing now in order to be ready for a possible H1N1 immunization campaign starting in late September," she said in a statement from Washington.

Chan said WHO was now recommending that flu vaccine makers start making swine flu vaccine. Drug giant GlaxoSmithKline PLC said it could start large-scale production of pandemic vaccine in July but that it would take several months before large quantities would be available.

Glaxo spokesman Stephen Rea said the company's first doses of vaccine would be reserved for countries who had ordered it in advance, including Belgium, Britain and France.

He said the company would also donate 50 million doses to WHO for poor countries.

Pascal Barollier, a spokesman for Sanofi-Aventis, said they were also working on a pandemic vaccine but WHO had not yet asked them to start producing mass quantities of it.

The pandemic decision might have been made much earlier if WHO had more accurate information about swine flu's rising sweep through Europe. Chan said she called the emergency meeting with flu experts after concerns were raised that some countries like Britain were not accurately reporting their cases.

Chan said the experts unanimously agreed there was a wider spread of swine flu than what was being reported.

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17 piracy suspects charged in Kenya

The Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya — Kenya charged 17 Somali men with piracy on Thursday, a day after the U.S. Navy handed them over to authorities in this East African nation.

Kenya is holding more than 100 piracy suspects from neighboring Somalia, a country in tatters and with no functioning government or legal system after two decades of anarchy.

The suspects denied the charge and requested lawyers.

The prosecutor's charge sheet says the men were arrested May 13 off the Gulf of Aden with weapons including seven AK-47 rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade.

Despite international patrols, piracy has exploded in the Gulf of Aden and around Somalia's 1,900-mile coastline — the longest in Africa.

There are doubts that Kenya — which is still recovering from postelection turmoil in 2007 that left more than 1,000 people dead — would be able to handle the costly and complicated task of trying all or even most cases that emerge from the exploding piracy crisis in the Indian Ocean.

Japan's first lunar probe ends mission

TOKYO — Japan's first lunar probe made a controlled crash landing on the moon Thursday, successfully completing a 19-month mission to study the Earth's nearest neighbor, Japan's space agency said.

The remotely controlled satellite had been orbiting the moon to map its surface and study its mineral distribution and gravity levels. It was dropped onto the surface of the moon at 3:25 a.m., the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said in a statement.

From The Associated Press

Rallies end as Iran prepares for polls

By ANNA JOHNSON
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's raucous election campaign fell silent a day before the vote as rallies were barred Thursday to give the public time to reflect on whether they want to keep hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power or replace him with a reformist more open to closer ties with the West.

The campaign reached a crescendo in the past few days with dueling rallies by supporters of Ahmadinejad and his main challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi,

Fierce campaign shows divisions

that drew tens of thousands into the streets of Tehran. Fervent, youthful supporters of Mousavi accused the president of undermining Iran's international standing with his confrontational style and of devastating the economy.

The stakes are extremely high for Iran — the new leader must decide how to respond to President Barack Obama's offer for dialogue after a nearly 30-year diplomatic chill. The Obama administration is cautiously watching the vote for signs the Islamic Republic may be willing to engage, but U.S. officials have meager expectations for change.

Tehran residents went about removing posters and banners from buildings and cars as campaigning officially

ended early Thursday.

In the final hours of the fierce contest, Mousavi got a sharp warning from the country's powerful Revolutionary Guard that authorities would crush any attempt at a popular "revolution" inspired by the huge rallies and street parties calling for more freedoms.

The threat Wednesday reflected the increasingly tense atmosphere surrounding the up-for-grabs election. It also marked a sharp escalation by the ruling clerics against Mousavi's youth-driven campaign and its hopes of an underdog victory.

The message from the Guards' political chief, Yadollah Javani, appeared aimed at rattling Mousavi's backers just before the polls open Friday and to warn that it would not tolerate the formation of a post-election political force under the banner of Mousavi's "green movement" — the signature color of his campaign.

The all-night street rallies and the joyful campaign of Mousavi's supporters have rekindled the passions and hopes of reformists after Ahmadinejad's victory four years ago. Their calls are similar

to the days of reformist President Mohammad Khatami — more social freedoms, media openness and outreach to the West.

The election outcome will have little direct impact on Iran's key policies, which are directly dictated by the ruling Islamic clerics. Still, the president has influence over some domestic affairs, such as the economy, and serves as Iran's highest-ranking envoy.



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A supporter of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad flashed the victory sign at Valiasr square in central Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday.



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IN THE STATES

Man, 88, charged in death of guard in D.C. shooting

BY CALVIN WOODWARD
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An 88-year-old white supremacist has been charged with murder in the killing of a security guard who had opened the door to let him into the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum, officials said Thursday.

Security Guard Stephen T. Johns was shot to death by Holocaust denier James von Brunn after opening the door to let him into the museum, District Police Chief Cathy Lanier said at a news conference.

Von Brunn, who once tried to kidnap members of the Federal Reserve, then exchanged fire with guards who shot and critically injured him, stopping him from entering the museum and hurting anyone else, Lanier said.

The museum was closed and

flags flew at half-staff Thursday in honor of Johns, 39. Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty said quick work by law enforcement "literally saved the lives of countless people."

Bouquets of roses, lilies and other flowers were lined up outside the museum walls Thursday morning.

The entrance where the shooting occurred was still cordoned off by police tape.

Von Brunn was being treated at a Washington hospital. A self-described artist, advertising man and author living in Annapolis, Md., von Brunn wrote an anti-Semitic treatise, "Kill the Best Gentiles," decrying "the browning of America" and claimed to expose a Jewish conspiracy "to destroy the White gene-pool." He also wrote of a lifetime of seething anger.

"It's better to be strong than



Washington police investigator George Klein Jr. examines bullet strikes on a door at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Washington on Thursday, a day after a shooting left a security officer dead and the gunman wounded.

right," he said in one of his dark screeds online, "unless you like dying. Crowds hate good guys."

Von Brunn is charged with murder and killing in the course of possessing a firearm at a federal facility, both capital offenses under federal law, and authorities said Thursday hate crime charges were also possible.

"We know what Mr. Von Brunn did yesterday at the Holocaust museum. Now it's our responsibility to determine why he did

it," said Joseph Persichini, assistant director of the Washington FBI field office. "We have to ask ourselves, did all these years of public display of hatred impact his actions?"

The Homeland Security Department called the shooting a criminal incident and said it does not appear to have a connection to terrorism, according to a joint Homeland Security and FBI assessment issued Wednesday.

The museum was crowded with

schoolchildren and other tourists, but all escaped injury. Johns, the guard who died, was black.

Von Brunn was sentenced in 1983 for attempted armed kidnapping and other charges in his 1981 bid to seize Fed board members.

A guard captured him outside the room where the board was meeting. He had a revolver, sawed-off shotgun and knife in a bag with him. He served more than six years in prison.

Appeals court delays release of abuse photos

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court on Thursday ruled the U.S. government can keep pictures of detainee abuse secret until it has time to ask the Supreme Court to permanently block release of the photographs.

The one-paragraph ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan came after the Obama administration asked the court to keep the pictures secret, saying they pose "a clear and grave risk of inciting violence and riots against American and coalition forces, as well as civilian personnel, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."

The appeals court stayed its order supporting a lower court judge's decision to order release of the photographs until the Supreme Court had a chance to consider the case.

Anti-smoking vote to give FDA new power

WASHINGTON — Senate lawmakers approved a bill Thurs-

day that would give the Food and Drug Administration authority to limit nicotine in cigarettes, drastically curtail ads and ban candied tobacco products aimed at young people.

Cigarette foes say the changes could cut into the 400,000 deaths every year caused by smoking and reduce the \$100 billion in annual health care costs linked to tobacco.

The legislation passed by a 79-17 Senate vote.

Obama: Now is time to fix health care system

GREEN BAY, Wis. — President Barack Obama went to the nation's heartland Thursday to challenge critics of his proposed health care overhaul, asking: "What's the alternative?"

Obama has run into opposition from fellow Democrats in Congress and the nation's largest doctors' association.

"I know there are some who believe that reform is too expensive, but I can assure you that doing nothing will cost us far more in the coming years," Obama said.

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FACES

YOU'RE FIRED!

Donald Trump gives Miss California the boot

It's official: Controversial Miss California Carrie Prejean has heard the words "you're fired" from pageant boss Donald Trump.

Trump issued a statement Wednesday saying he sacked Prejean for failing to honor her commitments as Miss California USA. Pageant officials say Tami Farrell, the first runner-up to Prejean in the Miss California USA competition, will take over those responsibilities.

Prejean created controversy during the Miss USA competition, where she was first runner-up, when she answered a judge's question about gay marriage by saying marriage should be reserved for men and women.



AP

Now former Miss California, Carrie Prejean, was stripped of her title, says pageant boss Donald Trump.

died in a treadmill accident.

La Bella Wedding Chapel owner Shawn Absher told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the former heavyweight boxing champion and his bride wed Saturday night in a private ceremony.

County marriage records in Las Vegas show the 42-year-old Tyson and 32-year-old Lakiha Spicer got a marriage license about 30 minutes before their ceremony. She is not the mother of Exodus Tyson, who died in May.



Tyson

A-Rod tell-all a no-seller

Remember that tell-all book about A-Rod? Just a month after making headlines with its allegations that the New York Yankees star likely used steroids as far back as high school, Selena Roberts' "A-Rod: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez" has vanished from bestseller lists.

Published in early May by HarperCollins with an announced first printing of 150,000, "A-Rod" has sold

just 16,000 copies so far, according to Nielsen BookScan, which tracks about 75 percent of industry sales. The book sold 11,000 in its first week, then quickly faded.

Hot dish

David Letterman and CBS are close to a deal that would keep the late-night comic on the "Late Show" through at least the spring of 2012. That represents a two-year extension of Letterman's current deal, set to expire next year. CBS will also pay Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants, a smaller licensing fee than it is getting now, consistent with its efforts to cut programming costs, according to two executives close to the negotiations.

Festival organizers say hip-hop and R&B singer Lauryn Hill has canceled all tour dates in Europe this summer for health reasons.

Allgood Entertainment says in a \$40 million lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court in Manhattan that it made a deal with Michael Jackson's then-manager to produce a reunion concert with the Jackson family this summer. The deal called for Jackson not to perform elsewhere before the event or for at least three months after it. The lawsuit says Jackson, manager Frank DiLeo and event promoter AEG broke the contract by signing to do a series of concerts in London this summer.

Britney Spears' "Circus" tour is getting an encore. Holly Shakoof, publicist for Spears, says that concerts will be held in several U.S. cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The shows will kick off Aug. 20 in Canada. Concerts are also scheduled for Iowa and Texas.

— The Associated Press



Actress Kyra Sedgwick, star of TNT's "The Closer," poses during a ceremony honoring her with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on June 8. Sedgwick and her actor husband, Kevin Bacon, were among the many victims of the massive Ponzi scheme run by financier Bernard Madoff. The 43-year-old actress, who stars on TNT's "The Closer," says that although she and Bacon lost "hard-earned money" that they thought was "in a safe place," they didn't lose everything.

Says Sedgwick: "It's painful, but a lot of people lost a lot more. ... We have a lot of things to be grateful for in our life, and we never ever forget that."

— The Associated Press

NIGHT IN MEXICO

Ben Stiller wants a job with the Mexican government. At least that's what he is telling reporters here who grilled him about a May news conference in Washington, D.C., in which he allegedly cleansed his hands with anti-bacterial gel after shaking hands with Mexican reporters. The reported incident took place when Mexico was dealing with a swine flu epidemic.



Stiller told a news conference that it was all a "misunderstanding." He says he would love to meet with President Felipe Calderon to express his support. "Maybe he can even give me a job," Stiller joked.

— The Associated Press

Complaint: Top musician dissed over royalties

Which top-selling artist purportedly had his new single yanked from some radio stations' playlists in retaliation for supporting royalties for musicians?

No one involved will name the recording artist, but his no-play treatment by several radio stations is alleged in a complaint filed with the Federal Communications Commission and obtained by The Associated Press.

It claims recording artists are being threatened and intimidated. In the filing, the musicFIRST Coalition says the top-selling artist — there are hints it could be U2 front-man Bono — recently released a new album and spoke during April in support of an effort to require radio stations to pay musicians royalties similar to those paid to songwriters. Soon after, it said, "several stations within a major radio broadcast group notified the artist's label that they would no longer play his single on the air."

Representatives for musicFIRST refused to identify the artist. The complaint said artists asked to remain unidentified "to protect against further reprisal."

U2's album, "No Line on the Horizon," was released in March with its lead-off single, "Get on Your Boots." In April, Bono issued a statement on behalf of pay for musicians, saying, "It's only fair that when radio makes money by playing a recording artist's music ... the recording artist should be compensated just as songwriters are already."

Calls and e-mails to a spokeswoman for Bono were not immediately returned.

The National Association of Broadcasters, which represents about 6,500 radio stations nationwide, denied any attempt by stations to retaliate or intimidate artists.

A statement by NAB Executive Vice President Dennis Wharton called the complaint a "stunt" and said artists who support royalties, such as will.i.am, get great play on the radio. His group Black Eyed Peas is "currently Number 1 on Billboard's Pop 100 Airplay Chart with the song 'Boom Boom Pow,'" said the statement.

— Jennifer C. Kerr/The Associated Press

Police probe Alba link to vandalism

Jessica Alba ... a vandal?

Photos have surfaced that appear to show her defacing Oklahoma City property with posters of a great white shark, and police are investigating. Police discovered the posters glued to a downtown bridge and elsewhere, including a billboard displaying a United Way advertisement.



Alba

Police Sgt. Gary Knight said Wednesday that investigators have not interviewed Alba, who co-starred in the "Fantastic Four" movies. She's in Oklahoma filming "The Killer Inside Me."

Telephone messages left with Alba's attorney and publicist were not returned Wednesday, but the 28-year-old actress released a statement to apologize.

Boxer marries

Mike Tyson has married for a third time, two weeks after his 4-year-old daughter

New 'Futurama' episodes on the way

Comedy Central says it's bringing the animated comedy "Futurama" back from the past for 26 new half-hour episodes.

The satiric sci-fi series, set in "New New York City," will resume production more than six years after ending its four-season run on the Fox network in 2003.

In 2008, those original 72 episodes were supplemented by four

extended-length adventures.

Along the way, "Futurama" has found success with DVD sales and in repeat airings on Comedy Central.

The new episodes, produced as before by Matt Groening and David X. Cohen, are expected to air on Comedy Central beginning in mid-2010. Twentieth Century Fox Television could license the new series for a broadcast network.



Futurama/Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp

Bender will be getting more small-screen time. Cable network Comedy Central has asked for new episodes of the show "Futurama," which has been out of production for six years.

FAITH

Rabbi Sergio Slomianski is Mexican but studied in both Israel and the U.S., where he met his American wife, Sheila, far left. When their daughters Fayge and Miriam forget their manners, Sheila takes it philosophically. "They're Americans," she says.

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There's new guiding force in Morocco

BY ROBIN SHULMAN
The Washington Post

Not long ago in the Moroccan city of Rabat, Nezha Nassi met an 18-year-old girl in prison on drug charges. The girl was afraid to leave prison because her parents said she was no longer welcome at home.

For months, Nassi counseled the girl, who seemed to bloom slowly and build an idea of the life she wanted. Nassi visited the girl's mother to persuade her to take her back, saying the girl would be worse off in the streets and that she had worked to give up her addiction. Nassi told the mother she had the girl's promise.

In Morocco, Nassi's word means something. That's because Nassi is a *murshida*, or "guide," a female religious counselor recently trained by the country's Ministry of Religious Affairs to teach Islam and offer counseling in mosques, prisons, schools and hospitals — even to make house calls to work through the most intimate family problems. Nassi is one of about 250 *murshidas* trained to occupy the same role as male imams, in every sense but leading prayer.

"This is spiritual, moral and physical counseling," said Nassi.

She recently visited Washington and New York with two other *murshidas* to meet with State Department officials and female religious leaders of various faiths in a trip sponsored by the Moroccan American Cultural Center. The State Department, in its annual report to Congress on counterterrorism issued in April, hailed the *murshida* program as a "pioneering" effort in Morocco's broad approach to spread tolerant practices of Islam.

In most of the Muslim world, although women have served as informal spiritual leaders, official positions of religious power have been the preserve of men. But now in Turkey, hundreds of female preachers, known as *vaizes*, are working in state-run mosques, and women are appointed to lead Turks making the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Jews find Mexico a place to thrive

BY EMILY SHER
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — On the evening of the festive Jewish holiday of Purim, the rabbi's wife, Sheila Slomianski, was ever the alert hostess. Surveying her table, she noticed some empty plates in front of her guests and summoned her daughters, Fayge and Miriam, to pile them high with tacos and tachina sauce, with grilled cactus and spicy rice.

"They're American," Slomianski said with a shrug. "They don't know any better."

The Slomianskis are part of Mexico City's 50,000-strong Jewish community, the third largest in Latin America. They're thriving, diverse and multinational, but also close-knit and unusually self-sufficient when it comes to education and social programs.

"We're involved in politics, we're involved in business, we're involved in cultural activities and academia, so the Jewish community is involved in everything," said Mauricio Lulka, the executive director of the Central Committee of the Jewish Community in Mexico.

Yet this is also a community that, Lulka said, has the lowest rate of intermarriage in the world, and where 90 percent of the children attend religious day school. Some also see an increasing polarity between the more observant and the more secular members of the community: A teenage girl might ask her

parents to arrange a marriage for her, to the consternation of an older generation that had hoped she'd choose her own mate and have a career.

Jews are hardly new arrivals to Mexico. Fleeing the Inquisition in Spain, Jews were said to have been among the first Europeans who arrived with Hernan Cortes and the conquistadors in the 16th century. They didn't find the religious freedom they were looking for in the New World, and were forced to practice their faith in secrecy until Mexico's independence from Spain in 1820.

"When they knew about the new lands that were discovered in America, they decided to come here and find their freedom. It was a tragedy, because they could not find their freedom," said Monika Unikel, an expert on the history of Jews in Mexico City.

As the country became more tolerant, however, and as Jews began fleeing persecution in Europe during the two world wars, Mexico was among the places they came, often in hopes of getting visas to the United States. The first to come were Sephardic Jews from countries such as Turkey and Greece, and then the rise of the Nazis in Germany brought Ashkenazi Jews from Western and Central Europe.

"All of them wanted to get to the United States; that was America. That was the magic world," Unikel said. "But there came a time

when the United States closed the doors for new immigrants, so Mexico became a new option."

The result is a Mexican Jewish community that's something of a melting pot.

It includes Pearl Tabatchnik, a guest at the Slomianski party, whose Polish parents fled the Holocaust. She was born in Mexico, as were her children and grandson, and Tabatchnik said she felt at home here.

"I feel a lot of gratitude toward Mexico," she said. "I was born here, and they treat us very well."

It also includes Esther Schmidt, who was born in Mexico to a Hungarian mother and a Mexican-born father from a Polish background, and Sal Levy, a new arrival from Israel.

Rabbi Sergio Slomianski, Sheila's husband and the leader of the Ashkenazi community here, was born in Mexico but studied in Israel and the U.S., where he met his Chicago-born wife.

He said that compared with other Jewish communities he'd seen, the Mexican community was unusual in its desire to help others, especially other Jews.

"If people are sick or need money to buy clothes or housing, the community is very oriented toward helping those needy people," he said.

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YOUR MONEY

Many private colleges balk at GI Bill

Days before a June 15 deadline, 521 private colleges had signed modest-to-grand Yellow Ribbon agreements under the new Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit, making these higher-priced schools more affordable to at least some Iraq and Afghanistan war-era veterans who qualify for admission.

But more than half of private colleges nationwide apparently will balk at entering Yellow Ribbon deals, at least for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The final tally could disappoint veterans who hoped to see their new GI Bill entitlement enhanced by Yellow Ribbon deals enough to attend their school of choice from among America's most prestigious names.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of student veterans still will get that opportunity this fall at

schools like Dartmouth College, Columbia University and Georgetown to name just a few schools that have signed or will sign Yellow Ribbon deals. But many big name schools have decided not to offer special discounts to veterans this year.

Tony Pals, information director for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, estimates that about 400 private, nonprofit schools out of 954 represented by NAICU will enter Yellow Ribbon agreements by the mid-month deadline.

Reasons being cited for the 60 percent taking a pass are the impact of the economic crisis on school budgets, the complexity of Yellow Ribbon rules and the new GI Bill, and administrative chal-

lenges faced by school trying to keep pace with VA's "fast tracking" of the plan to comply with the law.

"This all has led to a fair amount of confusion and quite a few questions, some of which we're still trying to get answers to," Pals said.

Given the challenges, Pals added, "we're pleased that as many schools have been able to sign up as we've seen."

Keith M. Wilson, director of education service for the Veterans Benefits Administration, said he too "is pleased" by the number of Yellow Ribbon agreements signed as the deadline approached. The

original deadline was May 15 but many schools said they needed more time.

Wilson said he and other VA officials won't try to judge whether participation levels are "good or bad" because the VA historically hasn't tracked tuition and fees closely enough to know how many private schools aren't even eligible for Yellow Ribbon deals.

That number would seem to be small, given that private schools on average have set tuition rates four times higher than public universities. But Wilson's point allows VA officials the comfort of neutrality on the sensitive matter of whether enough private schools are reaching out to help veterans.

The new GI Bill will cover tuition and fees at any degree-granting school, up to levels charged by the most expensive public university in a state. Texas students, for example, will get up to \$1,333 per credit hour plus \$12,130 a year for school fees.

In contrast, California students will be reimbursed only for up to \$6,587 in fees, and no tuition is reimbursable because tuition is free at California public colleges to in-state students.

Post-9/11 GI Bill students also will get a monthly living allowance, equal to local basic-allowance-for-housing rate for enlisted grade E-5, plus up to \$1,000 a year to buy books and school supplies.

But many private colleges charge far more than the most expensive state university. So, under the Yellow Ribbon program, schools are encouraged to waive up to 50 percent of this difference, and VA will match the amount waived by adding the value of the student's education

benefit.

By June 10, Wilson said, VA had signed 1,287 agreements with 521 schools. Larger schools are signing multiple agreements, one for each college or for each campus it operates. For-profit institutions like Troy University have many locations and account for many agreements. ITT Technical Institute, with locations in nearly every state, has more than 100 Yellow Ribbon deals. One of every 10 agreements signed involve a public university using the program to help veterans with the higher cost of graduate programs or out-of-state veterans with higher out-of-state tuition.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., in his final year in Congress, pressed to include the Yellow Ribbon feature as condition for endorsing a new GI Bill that otherwise was designed only to cover the full cost of state-run colleges.

Warner wanted at least some of today's veterans to have an all-expenses-paid shot at America's finest universities, just as Warner and millions of other veterans had following World War II.

His effort will secure that dream for some veterans. But it's also hard to see how the initiative, with its limitations and heavy reliance on the goodwill of schools, can avoid creating some bitterness among veterans on private college campuses. Many schools that have signed deals intend to waive only a small amount of higher charges. Other schools will waive thousands of dollars but for small numbers of students.

More on Yellow Ribbon, including the list of participating schools, can be found at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Yellow_ribbon.htm

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD Chg	52-wk % Chg
High	Low						
12,369.23	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,739.02	-24.04	-0.27	-4.3	-27.68
5,329.34	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,391.48	+2.22	+0.07	-4.12	-32.69
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	346.08	+5.26	+1.54	-6.66	-32.81
9,209.97	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,098.06	-3.51	-0.06	+5.92	-11.80
2,374.65	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,614.37	+1.59	+0.10	+15.52	-30.19
2,485.00	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,853.08	-7.05	-0.38	+17.50	-22.60
1,370.63	666.79	S&P 500	939.15	-3.28	-0.35	+3.97	-29.68
878.99	397.97	S&P MidCap	595.09	-3.08	-0.51	+10.55	-30.11
14,009.18	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,640.91	-36.66	-0.38	+6.09	-29.31
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	523.71	-4.21	-0.80	+4.86	-27.05

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	3194981	11.98	-0.08	PCScrubDLn	173257	4.67	+0.04	PwShs QQQ	1220034	36.82	-1.3
Citigrp	2960822	3.48	+0.07	Hemishphr	127827	2.62	-0.22	Level3	620063	1.33	+2.0
SPDR	2731270	94.40	+0.24	GranTrGr	43080	3.24	+0.09	Microsoft	589022	22.55	+4.7
DirxFinBear	1991919	4.49	+0.15	GreenHntr	40131	3.24	+1.38	Cisco	542712	29.55	-1.3
DirxFinBull	1819443	10.24	-0.39	CFCDa	36718	12.66	+0.40	Sequenom	497485	4.09	-1.21
SPDR Fin	1543203	12.31	-0.19	OilsandG	32065	1.17	+0.02	Intel	470830	16.46	+0.4
FormD	881691	6.19	-0.07	NovaGld	31288	1.66	-0.34	EvrgpTr	381070	2.51	+5.7
WellsFargo	869036	24.91	-0.75	Taseko	21493	1.95	+0.02	FifthThrd	328724	7.34	+1.7
GenElec	795620	13.40	-0.17	EldorGld	21072	9.13	-0.09	Oracle	325805	20.74	-2.5
US NGSD	601918	14.04	-0.13	NthgTM	17750	2.23	+0.05	Dell Inc	298622	12.94	+3.4

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS						YTD %Chg
Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Alliant Technosystem	20	90.39	1.22	+5.4		
Boeing	1.68	18	52.30	-0.05	+2.6	
Computer Sciences	6	44.02	+3.3	+25.3		
General Dynamics	1.52	9	59.04	-2.1	+2.5	
General Electric	40	13.40	-1.7	-17.3		
Halliburton	36	16	23.36	+4.2	+28.5	
Harris Corp.	1.80	13	29.80	-0.54	-17.2	
Allice Signal	1.21	10	35.60	-1.2	+8.4	
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	74.05	-1.5	+4.4	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	11	82.93	-1.08	-1.4	
Northrop	1.72	...	49.90	-0.44	+6.3	
Raytheon	1.24	11	45.60	+0.2	-10.7	
Rockwell Intl.	33.03	11	33.03	-0.7	+2.5	
Texas Instruments	44	22	20.96	-0.06	+35.1	
Textron Inc.	0.08	9	11.43	-0.50	-17.6	
United Technologies	1.54	12	55.50	-0.02	+3.5	

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS						YTD %Ret.
Name	NAV	Chg.	%Ret.			
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	56.56	-0.26	+15.5			
Fidelity Spartan: EqlDInv	33.37	-0.11	+5.3			
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.65	-0.03	+5			
Fidelity Invest: Orsea	27.39	-0.18	+9.2			
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.65	-0.06	+3.9			
Fidelity Invest: AIGr50	12.18	-0.01	+13.0			
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	16.23	-0.06	+12.3			
Putnam Funds A: GrnA p	10.01	-0.02	+7.2			
AIM Investments A: CharA p	12.76	-0.04	+9.9			
AIM Investments A: Const p	17.48	-0.02	+3.8			
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	23.89	-0.10	+17.7			
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.95	-0.01	+9.5			
Fidelity Advisor T: Eqlnt	17.59	-0.07	+4.2			
Fidelity Advisor T: GroppT	22.85	-0.13	+20.0			
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	38.66	+0.40	+11.5			
Putnam Funds A: GIBeqty p	6.99	+0.02	+9.7			
Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	13.20	+0.05	+24.4			
Fidelity Advisor T: OrseaT	14.35	+0.10	+6.9			
DWS Invest S: CorPslnc	9.73	-0.02	+2.4			

EXCHANGE RATES	
Military rates	
Japanese yen (June 12)	95.00
South Korean won (June 12)	1,218.00
Euro costs (June 12)	\$1.4453
Dollar buys (June 12)	€ 0.6919
British pound (June 12)	\$1.68
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6494
Canada (Dollar)	1.1015
China (Yuan)	6.8379
Denmark (Krone)	5.3050
Egypt (Pound)	5.6055
Euro	\$1.4042/0.7121
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7514
Hungary (Forint)	199.04
Israel (Shekel)	3.9254
Japan (Yen)	98.19
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2877
Norway (Krone)	6.3608
Philippines (Peso)	47.87
Poland (Zloty)	3.18
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4506
South Korea (Won)	1,253.60
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0771
Thailand (Baht)	34.07
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5395
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS			
New York Merc close			
Gold			\$954.00
Silver			\$15.213

INTEREST RATES			
Prime rate			3.25
Discount rate			0.50
Federal funds market rate			0.00-0.25
3-month bill			0.17
30-year bond			4.77
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press			

GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa	--	\$2.576	--	\$2.343
Change in price	--	+10.1 cents	--	+14.6 cents
South Korea	\$2.717	--	\$2.936	\$2.591
Change in price	+10.0 cents	--	+10.2 cents	+14.6 cents
Guam	\$2.809*	\$2.919	\$3.029	--
Change in price	+10.0 cents	+10.0 cents	+10.0 cents	--

For the week of June 13-19 * Midgrade

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Weak job market could slow economic recovery

By Christopher S. Rugaber
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of people receiving unemployment benefits has set another record, a development likely to weigh on consumer spending and slow the economy's recovery.

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straight weekly record, after a drop last week was revised to an increase.

More encouraging was a drop in initial jobless claims to a seasonally-adjusted 601,000 last week, which was below analysts' expectations and the lowest level since January.

New jobless claims are a measure of the pace of layoffs and are seen as a timely, if volatile, indicator of the economy's health. The huge increase in the unemployment benefit rolls is a sign that even as layoffs slow, companies remain reluctant to hire.

That's a big reason why many analysts and the Federal Reserve expect any economic recovery later this year to be slow.

Bad weather slows search in Brazil jet crash

BY MARCO SIBAJA
AND EMMA VANDORE
The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Bad weather hindered the search for debris and bodies Thursday from the crash of Air France Flight 447, according to a senior Brazilian official who said there is little chance of finding all the victims.

As storms bore down on the crash zone off Brazil, a French submarine searched the depths of the Atlantic Ocean for the black boxes that hold the best hope of finding out happened when the Airbus A330-200 flew into heavy storms May 31 with 228 people aboard.

French and U.S. officials have said there were no signs of terrorism, and Brazil's defense minister said the possibility wasn't considered. But France says it has not been ruled out.

Air Force Gen. Ramon Cardoso said a French ship hunting for remains of the airliner that went down on May 31 has spotted an undetermined number of bodies in the ocean, but has not yet reached them.

"We have received information that bodies have been spotted by a French ship, but we will only be able to confirm how many, once they are retrieved from the ocean," he said.

Brazilian search planes have struggled with poor visibility, but "search efforts will continue in those regions where low altitude overflights are possible," Cardoso told a news conference.

"It is becoming more and more difficult to find and recover bodies," he said. "And the chances of recovering the bodies of all the passengers of the Air France flight are very remote."

Wednesday was the first day since Saturday that no bodies were recovered. Forty-one have been retrieved from the sea so far.

Cardoso said Brazilian officials would meet next week to decide

whether to call off search efforts on June 19 or extend them until June 25. Ocean currents have scattered remnants of the plane over a vast stretch of water from off the shores of Africa to seas near South America.

So far, investigators have focused on the possibility that external speed monitors — Pitot tubes — iced over and gave false readings to the plane's computers.

Air France received replacement Pitot tubes for the model of jet that crashed arrived just three days before the fatal accident, airline chief executive Pierre-Henri Gourgeon told journalists on Thursday.

Emergency Airbus landing on Guam

SYDNEY — An Airbus 330 carrying 203 people made an emergency landing on Guam on Thursday after an electrical problem sparked a small fire in the cockpit, airline officials said.

It's the same type of plane that crashed last week in the Atlantic.

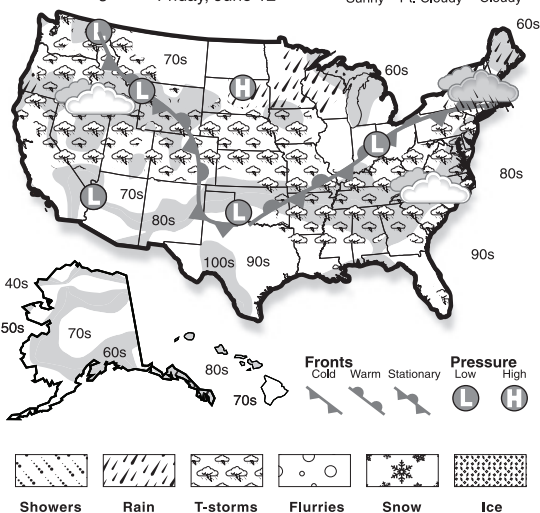
There were no injuries Thursday and the incidents appear unrelated.

From The Associated Press

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, June 12



Storms Persist Across The Central And Eastern US

Showers and possible severe storms will persist along a frontal system that will stretch from the Northeast to the Ozarks. Stormy weather is also expected to develop from the Northern Rockies to the Central Plains and across areas of the Intermountain West.

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Yesterday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 57 19 clr
Amsterdam, 65 52 rn	Lima, 68 60 rn
Athens, 89 68 clr	Lisbon, 75 64 pc
Auckland, 60 51 rn	London, 62 53 rn
Baghdad, 107 78 clr	Madrid, 85 56 clr
Basra, 116 81 clr	Managua, 93 75 rn
Bahrain, 106 90 clr	Manila, 90 77 pc
Bangkok, 91 75 rn	Mecca, 113 91 clr
Barbados, 88 78 clr	Melbourne, 48 39 rn
Barcelona, 75 64 clr	Mexico City, 84 55 clr
Beijing, 91 71 clr	Montevideo, 52 39 pc
Beirut, 91 72 clr	Montreal, 65 54 rn
Belgrade, 87 65 clr	Moscow, 80 57 rn
Berlin, 69 53 rn	Nairobi, 75 57 pc
Bermuda, 80 72 rn	Nassau, 87 72 pc
Bogota, 64 53 rn	New Delhi, 105 86 rn
Brasilia, 79 55 clr	Nice, 74 60 clr
Brisbane, 68 45 clr	Osaka, 73 66 rn
Brussels, 64 53 rn	Oslo, 55 46 rn
Bucharest, 92 56 clr	Panama, 87 77 rn
Budapest, 80 59 rn	Paris, 60 53 rn
Buenos Aires, 63 44 clr	Perth, 72 52 rn
Cairo, 99 75 clr	Prague, 71 51 clr
Calgary, 65 35 clr	Rio de Janeiro, 82 66 pc
Caracas, 90 78 clr	Rome, 82 64 pc
Colombo, 87 82 pc	San Jose, 83 66 pc
Copenhagen, 63 51 rn	San Juan, 91 77 clr
Dahran, 118 86 clr	San Salvador, 90 69 rn
Dhaka, 94 82 clr	Santiago, 71 31 clr
Dili, 90 70 clr	Sao Paulo, 63 60 rn
Dubai, 104 84 clr	Sapporo, 72 56 rn
Dublin, 61 38 rn	Seoul, 73 62 rn
Frankfurt, 71 54 rn	Singapore, 92 81 pc
Geneva, 75 49 pc	Sofia, 88 59 pc
Guatemala, 84 66 pc	Stockholm, 55 48 rn
Hanoi, 98 84 pc	Sydney, 57 46 clr
Harare, 67 57 clr	Taipei, 93 78 pc
Havana, 86 69 clr	Tegucigalpa, 85 35 rn
Helsinki, 64 50 pc	Tehran, 91 69 rn
Hong Kong, 89 80 clr	Tel Aviv, 89 71 clr
Islamabad, 104 71 clr	Tokyo, 77 69 rn
Istanbul, 86 67 pc	Turin, 76 56 pc
Jakarta, 89 76 rn	Toronto, 63 50 clr
Jerusalem, 89 71 clr	Tunis, 86 67 clr
Johannesburg, 51 44 rn	Valletta, 88 67 pc
Kabul, 82 59 pc	Vancouver, 74 57 pc
Kiev, 90 65 pc	Vienna, 73 57 rn
Kuala Lumpur, 95 77 pc	Warsaw, 73 55 rn
Kuwait, 113 84 clr	Zurich, 73 52 rn

SATURDAY'S FORECAST



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Yesterday's U.S. temperatures

City, Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 50 45 .10 cdy	Erie 68 60 rn	Jacksonville 94 72 cdy	Montgomery 94 75 cdy	Richmond 85 70 rn	Spokane 76 49 cdy
Abilene, Tex. 88 64 .79 cdy	Charleston, S.C. 91 73 cdy	Eugene 67 55 cdy	Juneau 69 49 cdy	Nashville 87 74 rn	Roanoke 84 63 .45 rn	Springfield, Ill. 83 66 1.71 rn
Akron, Ohio 77 62 .66 rn	Charleston, W.Va. 74 62 1.12 rn	Evansville 90 67 1.08 cdy	Kansas City 76 63 1.50 cdy	New Orleans 92 75 cdy	Rochester 68 57 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 87 62 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 73 63 .01 rn	Charlotte, N.C. 86 65 .06 rn	Fairbanks 71 53 cdy	Key West 88 82 cdy	New York City 67 59 .09 rn	Rockford 73 58 rn	Syracuse 72 58 rn
Albuquerque 79 57 .11 cdy	Chattanooga 87 71 rn	Fargo 68 42 cdy	Knoxville 86 66 .10 rn	Newark 70 62 .13 rn	Sacramento 74 55 cdy	Tallahassee 95 73 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 78 63 .57 rn	Cheyenne 65 46 .36 rn	Flagstaff 65 39 cdy	Lake Charles 90 76 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 85 72 cdy	St. Louis 87 68 1.25 cdy	Tampa 91 74 clr
Amarillo 82 54 .12 cdy	Chicago 67 56 rn	Flint 74 54 rn	Lansing 74 60 cdy	North Platte 67 52 .10 cdy	St. Petersburg 90 80 clr	Toledo 72 62 .01 rn
Anchorage 74 50 cdy	Cincinnati 76 67 1.39 rn	Fort Smith 87 66 .52 cdy	Las Vegas 87 69 cdy	Oklahoma City 84 62 .10 cdy	St. Thomas 86 77 .02 cdy	Topeka 74 62 .01 cdy
Asheville 81 62 1.20 rn	Cleveland 73 63 rn	Fort Wayne 72 62 .46 rn	Lexington 77 66 1.63 rn	Omaha 73 57 cdy	Salem, Ore. 70 58 .01 cdy	Tucson 92 63 .01 cdy
Atlanta 88 71 .28 cdy	Colorado Springs 66 48 .01 cdy	Fresno 81 57 cdy	Lincoln 74 57 cdy	Orlando 94 74 .38 cdy	Salt Lake City 66 52 .17 rn	Tulsa 90 64 .03 cdy
Atlantic City 76 63 cdy	Columbia, S.C. 91 70 1.77 cdy	Goodland 67 55 .05 cdy	Little Rock 88 69 .03 cdy	Paducah 88 70 cdy	San Angelo 98 67 clr	Tupelo 92 73 rn
Austin 98 77 cdy	Columbus, Ga. 91 73 cdy	Grand Junction 75 55 .02 cdy	Los Angeles 71 63 cdy	Pendleton 77 50 cdy	San Antonio 99 77 cdy	Waco 96 71 cdy
Baltimore 80 67 .15 rn	Columbus, Ohio 78 63 .01 rn	Grand Rapids 76 60 cdy	Louisville 78 66 1.67 rn	Peoria 79 57 .47 rn	San Diego 67 63 rn	Washington, D.C. 83 67 .48 rn
Baton Rouge 94 75 cdy	Concord, N.H. 63 53 cdy	Great Falls 66 36 cdy	Lubbock 79 59 .39 cdy	Philadelphia 78 64 .09 rn	San Francisco 66 58 .03 cdy	W. Palm Beach 88 74 cdy
Billings 64 42 cdy	Corpus Christi 94 81 cdy	Green Bay 68 54 cdy	Macon 91 68 .21 cdy	Phoenix 95 74 cdy	San Jose 72 56 cdy	Wichita 72 66 cdy
Birmingham 89 74 cdy	Dallas-Ft. Worth 91 68 2.28 rn	Greensboro, N.C. 84 66 .32 rn	Madison 73 54 cdy	Pittsburgh 77 62 rn	San Juan, P.R. 91 78 cdy	Wichita Falls 85 62 .75 cdy
Bismarck 64 33 cdy	Dayton 74 63 .44 rn	Harrisburg 82 66 1.70 rn	Medford 73 57 .29 rn	Pocatello 66 47 .08 rn	Santa Fe 70 46 .36 cdy	Wilkes-Barre 78 64 .03 rn
Boise 72 58 .13 cdy	Daytona Beach 92 74 cdy	Hartford Spfld 68 57 .05 cdy	Memphis 89 70 .13 cdy	Portland, Maine 57 52 cdy	St. Ste Marie 64 51 .02 cdy	Wilmington, Del. 82 65 rn
Boston 60 55 cdy	Denver 73 49 .17 cdy	Helena 70 43 cdy	Miami Beach 92 76 cdy	Portland, Ore. 70 60 .06 cdy	Savannah 93 73 cdy	Yakima 79 49 cdy
Bridgeport 64 59 .02 rn	Des Moines 74 62 cdy	Honolulu 91 79 clr	Midland-Odessa 94 60 clr	Providence 64 56 mm cdy	Seattle 75 56 cdy	Youngstown 76 61 rn
Brownsville 92 81 cdy	Detroit 73 59 rn	Houston 95 79 cdy	Milwaukee 61 52 cdy	Pueblo 71 53 cdy	Shreveport 89 69 .53 rn	
Buffalo 73 58 cdy	Duluth 66 43 cdy	Huntsville 88 73 45 rn	Mpls-St Paul 67 56 .02 cdy	Raleigh-Durham 85 69 .02 cdy	Sioux City 74 58 cdy	
Burlington, Vt. 72 57 cdy	El Paso 93 74 clr	Indianapolis 77 66 2.62 rn	Missoula 72 41 cdy	Rapid City 51 43 .29 rn	Sioux Falls 63 52 .01 cdy	
Caribou, Maine 50 48 .04 rn	Elkins 79 55 .01 rn	Jackson, Miss. 92 75 cdy	Mobile 93 74 cdy	Reno 70 48 cdy	South Bend 76 61 1.95 rn	

National temperature extremes
High: Wed., 103, Laredo, Texas
Low: Thurs. 29, Truckee, Calif.



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OPINION

Must close Obama defense budget gap

BY MICHAEL O'HANLON

After three months of very impressive decisions regarding national security, President Barack Obama made perhaps his first significant mistake. It concerns the defense budget, where his plans are insufficient to support the national security establishment over the next five years. Thankfully, this mistake can be fixed — either by Congress this year or the administration itself next year.

The administration is hardly slashing funds; it is simply adopting a policy of zero real growth in the "base budget" (the part that does not include war costs, which are too unpredictable to include in this analysis). Specifically, the base budget is to grow 2 percent a year over the next five years. But with the inflation rate expected to average more than 1.5 percent, the net effect is essentially no real growth. Cumulatively, that would leave us about \$150 billion short of actual funding requirements through 2014. The administration is right to propose increasing resources for the State Department and aid programs. But it is unwise ... to put these key elements of foreign policy in direct competition with each other, as appears to be the case in the new budget.

For the Defense Department to merely tread water, a good rule of thumb is that its inflation-adjusted budget must grow about 2 percent a year (roughly \$10 billion annually). Simply put, the costs of holding on to good people, keeping equipment functional, maintaining training regimes, and buying increasingly complex equipment tend to grow faster than inflation. This ... tends to hold up remarkably well with time, especially when downsizing the Defense Department's force structure is not really an option, and it is not today.

It is easiest to understand this by examining the four main categories of Pentagon spending: military personnel, operations and maintenance, procurement, and research and development. Regarding the first, there were times in the 1970s when we starved personnel accounts, but the result was a dispirited and "hollow" force.

At a time of war, this is not a viable option. In fact, over the years of the George W. Bush presidency, personnel spending increased 100 percent. About 25 percent of that was due to the cumulative effects of inflation and another quarter to mobilizing reservists and enlarging the force. But the remaining half was real cost growth averaging 5 percent a year. Even if we slow the trend, we can't end it.

Operations and maintenance costs are always what budgeteers want to cut — and always the area where they overestimate the potential for savings. This was the case in the 1990s; almost every year the Clinton administration hoped to economize on such expenses through new types of efficiencies, but almost every year it wound up needing to add to those accounts retroactively. Among defense budget specialists, the real debate is whether inflation-adjusted operations and maintenance costs per person grow at 2 percent annually or 3 percent or somewhere in between.

Procurement and research and development are the chief areas in which Defense Secretary Robert Gates has sought savings. ... He has proposed cuts to the F-22 fighter, the DDG-1000 destroyer, the Army's Future Combat System, the presidential helicopter fleet, the transformational communications satellite, aircraft carrier production runs, the airborne laser missile defense program and the next-generation bomber. ... [H]e could make additional cuts to the V-22 Osprey and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter programs, as well as existing nuclear weapons platforms.

It is important to note, though, that these aren't cuts in current costs; they are cuts in plans. When you eliminate a defense program, you still typically must buy something to replace aging equipment, even if the alternative is less expensive. Moreover, a lot of equipment (much of it purchased under Ronald Reagan and the first President Bush) is wearing out, and we need to replace it soon. Making greater use of service-life extension programs, modifications to existing weapons, and inexpensive but high-performance modern technolo-

gies ... can keep a check on cost growth. But these steps can't freeze costs.

Putting all of this together, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that real defense spending would have to be about 10 percent greater than today over roughly the next decade to afford what is on the Pentagon's books. The CBO has not recalculated in light of Gates' plans, but a rough estimate suggests the need for 7 percent to 8 percent higher spending for an average year in the future. That is another way of saying that we need roughly 2 percent real growth per year, while Obama offers zero. By 2014, this amounts to ... a cumulative five-year discrepancy of about \$150 billion. Once increased, defense spending would still decline as a fraction of gross domestic product, but not as much as is currently forecast. The plan will have to change. The question is whether we do it now or later.

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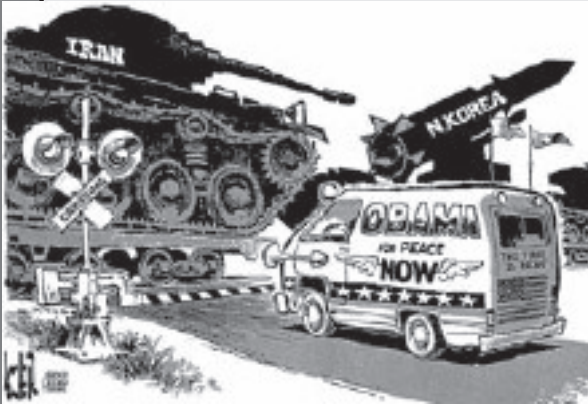
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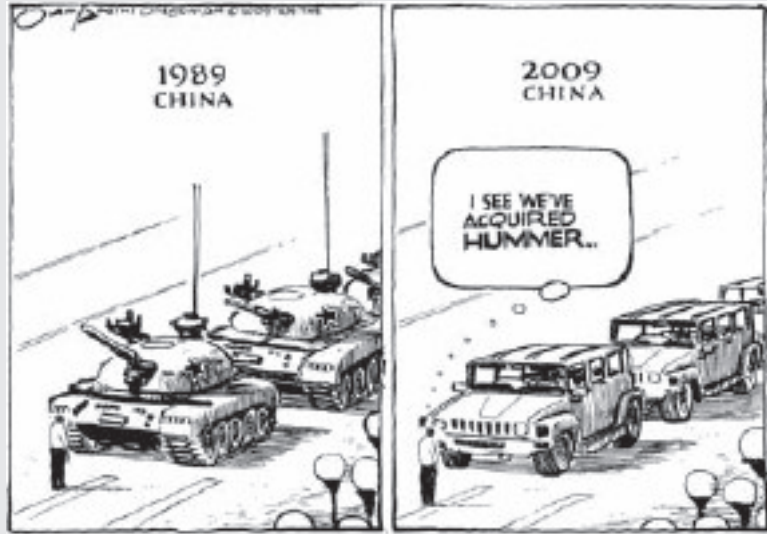


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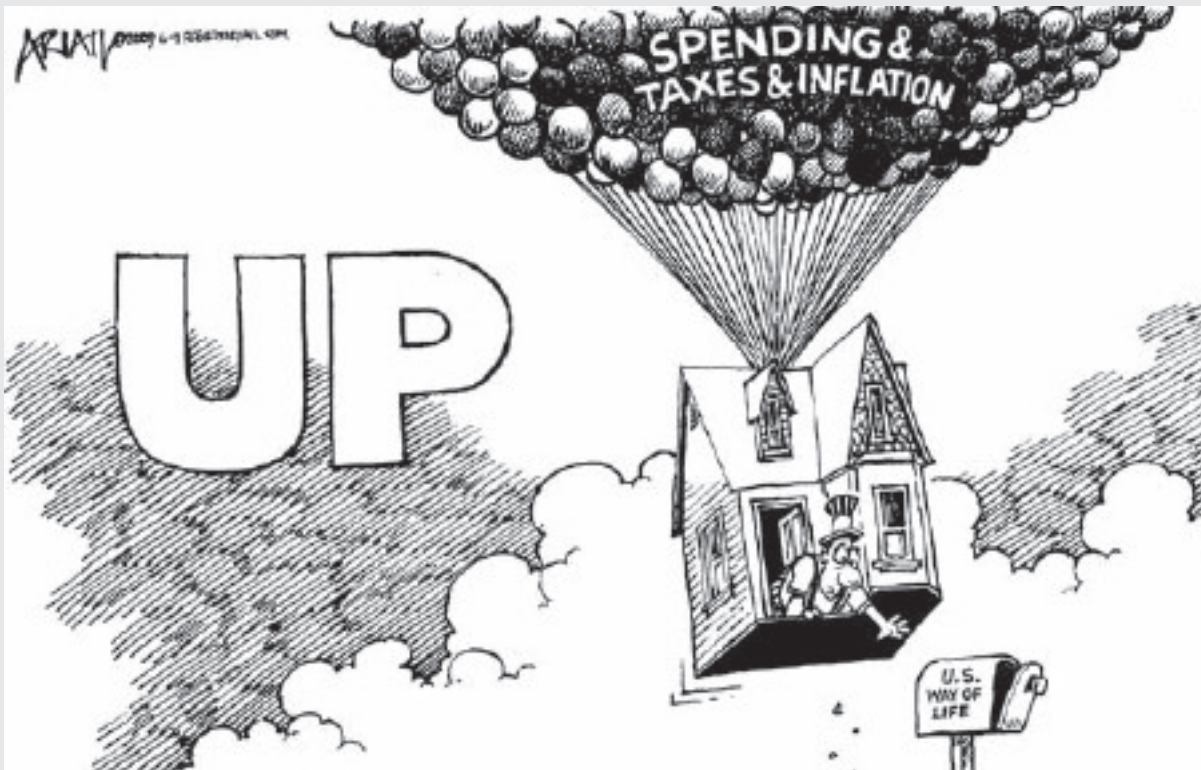
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NYC mom accused of killing infant

NY NEW YORK — A 20-year-old Bronx mother has been arrested in connection with the death of her infant son.

Police say Naisha Riley was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and assault after a medical examiner's report said the baby died from whiplash, shaking and blunt injuries to his head.

Police say 7-month-old Cashimir Randall was found unconscious inside his mother's apartment and rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Report: High number of deaths in county jail

TX HOUSTON — A U.S. Department of Justice report found the troubled Harris County Jail has experienced an alarming number of inmate deaths due to poor medical care.

A diabetic inmate who had an infection collapsed and died in the clinic five days after she first sought treatment.

Another inmate who had liver disease had waited weeks to be treated and died, while a third inmate was in a psychotic state for two weeks before his death. He did not get medication which had been prescribed, according to the Justice Department report, which cited 142 inmate deaths since 2001.

All three died while in the jail between 2007 and 2008.

The Harris County jail has come under scrutiny in recent years for the inmate deaths, including one last year that cost two deputies their jobs.

It has also faced criticism for overcrowding, and poor mental health care.

Mexican national held in drug smuggling case

CA SAN DIEGO — A 30-year-old Mexican national was arrested while trying to smuggle 24 pounds of marijuana ashore on his surfboard, the U.S. Border Patrol said.

The suspect was spotted paddling north about 200 yards off the coast of Imperial Beach, near the Mexican border.

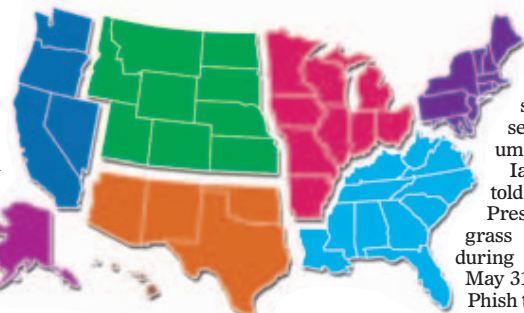
When agents ordered the surfer to come ashore, he threw a blue duffel bag into the water, the Border Patrol said. Agents went into the water to make the arrest.

The duffel bag later washed ashore, with five packages of marijuana worth about \$74,400, agents said. The suspect, whose name was not released, admitted he was in the U.S. illegally, agents said.

Fisherman reels in live missile in water

FL MADEIRA BEACH — Florida authorities say a commercial fisherman reeled in a live missile in the Gulf of Mexico and kept it on his boat for 10 days.

The sheriff's office in Pinellas County said the boat's captain, Rodney Salomon, hooked the air-



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to-air guided missile 50 miles off the Panhandle town of Panama City. The Air Force and Navy use Gulf waters off the Panhandle for weapons training.

Salomon had the missile aboard his boat for 10 days before returning to port in Madeira Beach, near St. Petersburg. A bomb squad was called in from MacDill Air Force Base and dismantled the missile in an empty parking lot.

Woman's bathing suit not good cover for man

OH BELLBROOK — Police in Ohio are accusing a Dayton-area man of harassing girls while dressed in a green, one-piece woman's swimsuit.

Sugarcreek Township police said they arrested 41-year-old Kevin L. Miller of Sugarcreek Township. Miller has pleaded not guilty to charges of menacing and public indecency, both misdemeanors.

Xenia Prosecutor Ron Lewis said Miller swam into the Little Miami River chasing two women who were canoeing, and chased two juveniles who had visited an ice cream shop.

Lewis said Miller also partially exposed himself while wearing the swimsuit.

Man says he sprinkled grass seed at Fenway

VT BURLINGTON — A Vermont man hoping to

sow rivalry between his favorite team and their biggest nemesis says he sprinkled grass seed from Yankee Stadium onto Fenway Park.

Ian Ferris of Shelburne told the Burlington Free Press that he sprinkled the grass seed on Fenway Park during a Phish concert on May 31. He said he waited for Phish to finish playing "David Bowie" before he launched a plastic bag filled with seed and water onto the infield.

Ferris said the seed landed between the pitcher's mound and first base. Ferris said the idea was his "own personal ha-ha" at what he calls the teams' "crazy rivalry."

The lifelong Yankees fan said seeing the seed hit the infield helped the May 31 show top the 95 other Phish concerts he's been to.

2 cops shot by bicyclist expected to survive

WI MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee police said the two officers shot multiple times by a bicyclist are expected to survive.

Police Chief Edward Flynn said the officers stopped the bicyclist because he looked suspicious, and he shot them both before they had time to react.

Flynn said the man was arrested within an hour and his gun was recovered. He said the man has a previous arrest record.

Flynn said 26-year-old officer Graham Kunisch is in critical condition, and 21-year-old Bryan Norberg is in satisfactory condition. Kunisch has been on the police force for 15 months and Norberg for six months.

Ex-hospital worker jailed for disclosing records

HI HONOLULU — A former hospital employee who posted an AIDS patient's medical records on her MySpace page has been sentenced to a year in prison.

Rhonda Wong-Fernandez previously pleaded no contest to unauthorized computer access to confidential records while working as a clerical assistant at Straub Clinic & Hospital in Honolulu.

The 22-year-old Wong-Fernandez discovered a woman she had a dispute with had HIV. She accessed the woman's medical records and then posted them online.

The patient died in April of a brain tumor.

Circuit Judge Randal Lee sentenced Wong-Fernandez to a year in prison, five years probation and 200 hours of community service.

Cops: Brick hurled in pizza shop robbery

NH CONCORD — Police in Concord, N.H., say a man hurled a brick at a pizza shop cashier during an armed robbery.

Police were called to Checkmate Pizza, where investigators said a man robbed the store and several employees who had just returned from making deliveries, all while surveillance video was recording. The video showed him with a knife, demanding money from the cashier.

Police said the brick narrowly missed the cashier's head. No one was hurt.



Taken to new heights

John Woods, left, 16, flies through the air while using a trampoline to dunk a basketball in Hopkinsville, Ky., as Cody Andino, 15, cheers him on.



Proving they work there

Detroit Public School employees wait in line at Cody High School to receive paychecks. Teachers and other Detroit public schools employees have been lining up to pick up paychecks or check stubs as part of a plan to identify who actually works for the troubled district.



Trying to get ahead

Hermes Carbajal from Peru works in the kitchen of the Heritage Point retirement community in Teaneck, N.J. Carbajal, 56, who graduated from high school four decades ago in Peru, found himself aiming for a high school diploma again, this time taking the GED exam in New Jersey in Spanish.



Cross to bear

Workers position a cross atop the steeple of Holy Family Catholic Church in Cincinnati that is being restored.



Champion bell ringer Leonard Oats celebrates winning the 47th annual cable car bell ringing contest in San Francisco's Union Square. Oats, who has been a cable-car operator for eight years, won for the third straight year.



Ouch! An Evergreen Fire/Rescue fire engine sits on top of a vintage 1969 Pontiac Firebird after the fire engine rolled off a steep road on Floyd Hill near Evergreen, Colo., and pancaked the automobile 25 feet below.



Hey, surf's up! A young boogie boarder leaps off the pier in Waikiki in Honolulu. Surfers, boogie boarders and bodysurfers filled the waters along Oahu's South Shore, surfing one of the first big swells of the summer season. Waves reached up to 8 feet at times during the day.



Gliding gator An alligator glides through the water at sunrise in the Tamiami Canal just east of Coopertown, Fla., in the Florida Everglades.

2 missing after crash of rescue helicopter

NM SANTA FE— A helicopter had just swooped in to rescue a stranded hiker in the rough mountains of New Mexico when nearby campers saw a flash of light, then heard a loud crash. Moments later, a dispatcher asked the pilot whether the three aboard were OK, and he radioed back: "Not really."

The sleek police helicopter, designed for high-altitude rescue missions, had smashed into the mountain, and the veteran pilot, his spotter and the hiker were thrown into the dark, frigid wilderness.

The spotter, Wesley Cox, had his right leg crushed, his back injured. He hunkered down for the night inside the downed chopper with his pilot, Sgt. Andrew Tingwall, within earshot. Through the night, they called out to each other.

Cox was able to hike for help the next day, and now authorities are searching the mountains near the crash for signs of Tingwall and to find the hiker, Negumi Yamamoto. Cox told police he thought she died from injuries in the crash.

Man, 39, arrested for streaking on expressway

NY CENTRAL ISLIP — Authorities have arrested a man accused of streaking along the Long Island Expressway.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's office said a naked man was spotted multiple times over nine days on the highway. There was a pattern in the sightings, and deputies were on the lookout for something amiss when they arrested the man. Authorities say he was spotted coming out of the woods and tried to flee in a 2004 Jeep.

The man, identified as 39-year-old Joseph Gagliano, of Yaphank, was charged with public lewdness, disorderly conduct, reckless driving, and multiple vehicle and traffic violations.

Woman accused of killing daughter, 12

TX HILLSBORO — A 32-year-old Hillsboro woman has been jailed on a murder charge after her 12-year-old daughter was found dead, and the woman's 13-year-old daughter has been hospitalized, authorities said.

Debra Janelle Jeter was jailed with her bail set at \$1.5 million. She was charged with murder and attempted capital murder. A county dispatcher told Waco TV station KCEN the girls were stabbed.

Hill County Sheriff Jeffery Lyon said the woman called a 911 operator to report she had "just killed her children."

Deputies, Hillsboro police and state troopers went to an abandoned farmhouse and found Jeter in the garage with her hands raised above the head. Lyon said the 12-year-old girl was found dead inside the house. Her 13-year-old sister was found critically injured in a bedroom.

Woman celebrates her 100th at McDonald's

MI BRIGHTON — A Michigan woman has celebrated her 100th birthday at the same

eatery she's visited regularly for the past 15 years — McDonald's.

Georgia Boynton stopped at the restaurant in Brighton for her customary hamburger and coffee. She got a surprise party with cake and balloons.

Restaurant manager Irene Burrelle said that when staffers realized last year that Boynton was 99 they decided to do something special for her next birthday.

Boynton told the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus that she doesn't feel 100 years old. She said her longevity secret is loving her family and being happy.

Coach among accused in killing over drug debt

MA BOSTON — A high school football coach and another man killed a cocaine dealer to avoid paying a debt, dismembered his body and cooked the remains at a concrete business, prosecutors said.

Daniel Bradley, 47, of Westwood, and Paul Moccia, 48, of Dedham, pleaded not guilty in Wrentham District Court to murder charges in the death of Angel Antonio Ramirez, a construction worker from Guatemala who lived in Framingham.

Moccia met Ramirez near the concrete company in Walpole that Bradley co-owns and shot him in the back with a .357-caliber pistol, said Norfolk Assistant District Attorney Robert Nelson. Moccia owed Ramirez \$70,000 from drug deals and decided to kill him instead of paying, authorities said.

Girl, 10, charged after fighting with her sister

TX FLOWER MOUND — A 10-year-old girl has been arrested and charged with assault after she and her older sister got into a fight.

Reagan Green was taken into custody after the fight with 13-year-old Desiree Green.

Someone witnessed the fight at a Flower Mound park and contacted police, Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW reported.

Reagan and Desiree returned to their home where officers arrived and made the arrest.

Lt. Clay Pierce with the Flower Mound Police Department told the station it was a case of family violence and state law required them to take some type of action.

Cobblestones seen as skateboard deterrent

ME PORTLAND — Maine's largest city has agreed to install cobblestones on a busy street in the Old Port to deter skateboarders.

The \$6,000 plan was authorized by City Council's Public Safety Committee. Chairman Dan Skolnik told the Portland Press Herald that he'll ask the City Council to impose an emergency skateboarding ban if the project is not completed in a timely fashion.

The problem is skateboarders zooming down Exchange Street. Merchants in the busy shopping district say the skateboarders are going too fast, performing tricks and intimidating pedestrians.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Mercury enters Gemini — again! Due to the Mercury retrograde in May, Mercury gets another chance to relax where he feels most at home. Mercury in Gemini smoothes the way for self-expression. It's a fine time to hone the message you send out to the world. High-minded intellectual pursuits will come together beautifully as well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 13). You are simply great with money this year. You have an instinct for what to buy and when to sell. Because of your shrewd dealings, you'll do well and be able to help others, too — perhaps through creating jobs. There's a wonderful occurrence in your personal life in July. Follow creative impulses in September. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may harbor a belief that you must constantly jump through hoops to prove that you are doing enough. Relax. Big gestures might be off-putting to the people you're dealing with now. Be confident and cool.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are at least five things lingering in your mind that make it hard to concentrate on anything else. These are tasks you feel you should have done days ago. Get them done so you can move on with your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone envies you — not because of your new shoes or a recent lucky turn of events that put you on top. It's because of your social ease. You're comfortable, chatty and will make friends wherever you go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You see something wonderful in people, even when they don't see it in themselves. When they are around you, people feel that they can be more than they are. The inspiration you give is priceless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be spending so much time in another person's world that you may long to break free and be by yourself. If you

cannot physically get away (because you are so needed today!) pay a visit to the oasis in your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll labor, and labor hard, perhaps on home improvements. Physical work brings enormous satisfaction. At the end of the day, you'll not only enjoy your surroundings, you'll feel in your body that you really did something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't please all of the people all of the time, and today, all those people seem to be in your family. Your nearest and dearest are more critical of you than you deserve. Give relationships space. Go off and do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be moving slowly on a project, but as long as you're moving, that's what counts. Consider adding someone to the mix to accelerate the process. An Aries, Leo or Sagittarius adds fuel to the fire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be privy to the inside information, perhaps because you are the one least likely to dish the dirt you hear. Knowing what you know, you're glad to have your particular set of problems and not theirs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be receiving an invitation, but there is too much that's up in the air for you to say "yes" just yet. Respond with a gracious "maybe" and give yourself an out. You need your freedom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everything you're exposed to is relevant. Be vigilantly aware of your surroundings. People, events, entertainment, rumors — it all has a bearing on your life. Your curious observation of these things will open a new door.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If someone had to do an in-depth profile of you, this would be the ideal day to follow you around. Your activities will be so wonderfully typical of where you are right now. An objective look at it all will help you appreciate yourself.

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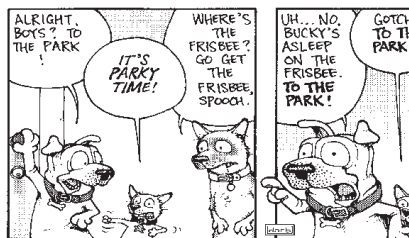
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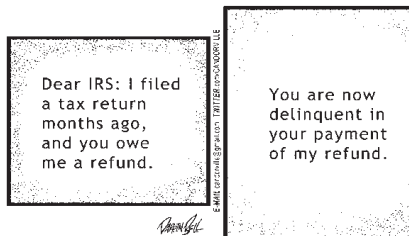
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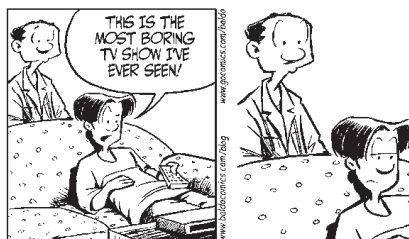
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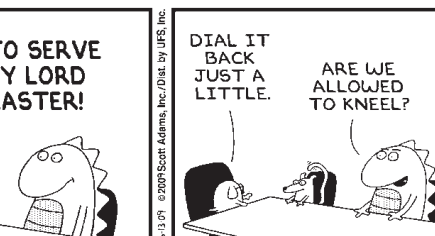
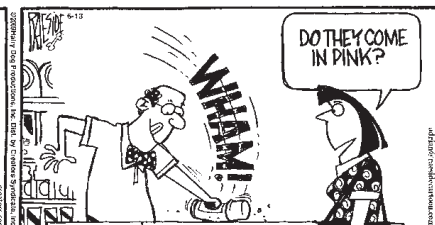
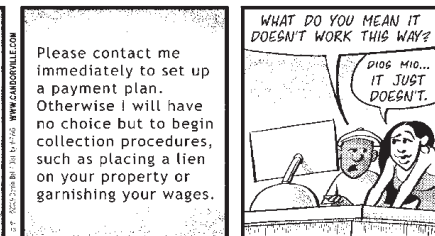
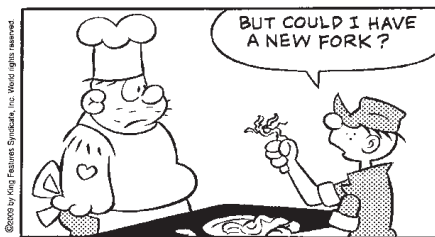
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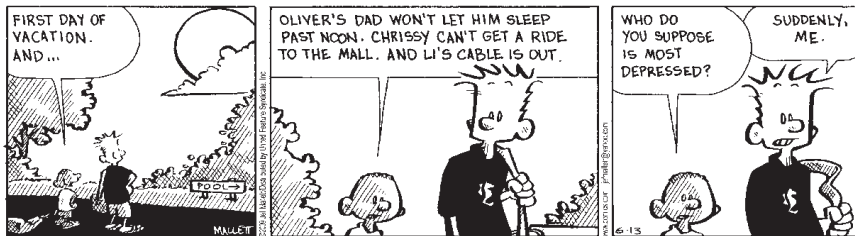
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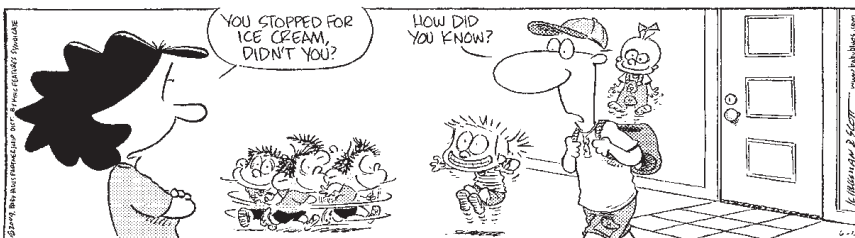
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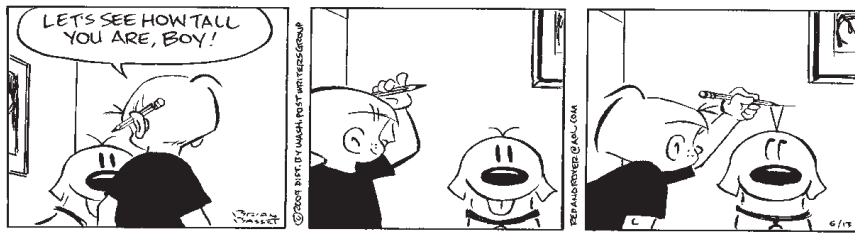
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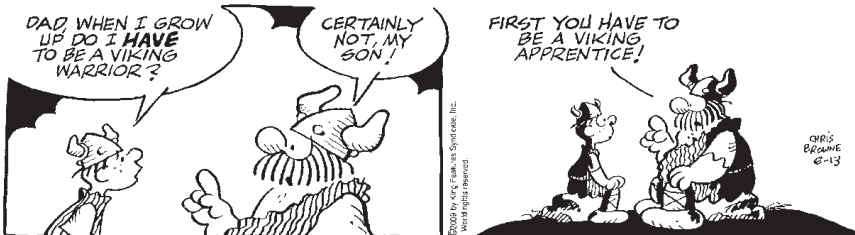
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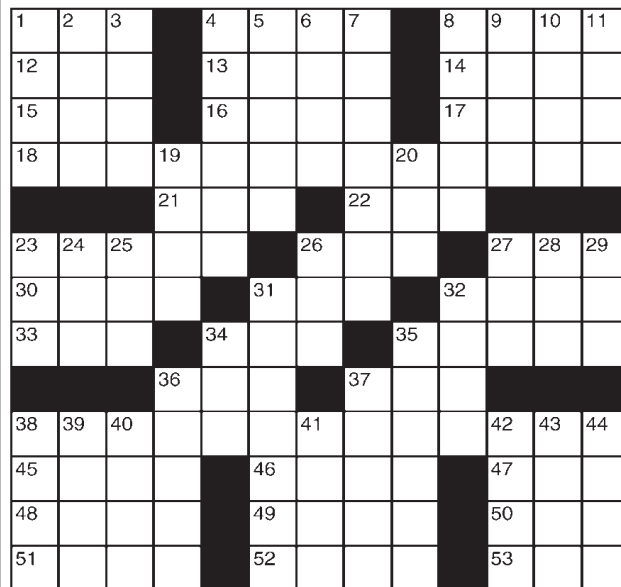
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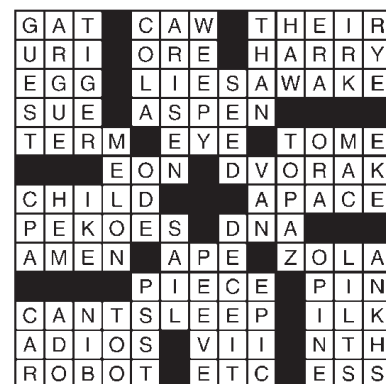
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Born to Kill"	Handy Manny "Fixin' It Right"	Movie "The Wings of the Dove" (1997, Drama) Helena Bonham Carter, Linus Roache, Alison Elliott.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	(8:00) Sports	(8:00) Sports
9:30						State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Movie "Bratz Babyz: The Movie" (2006, Comedy)		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light	NBA Basketball Finals Game 4 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
10:30						AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	(10:55) Movie "Little Man Tate" (1991, Drama) Jodie Foster, Dianne Wiest, Adam Hann-Byrd.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Sun City Soldier	El News		
11:30		SpongeBob SquarePants			Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Devil in the Dark"		
12:30	ESPNews	SpongeBob SquarePants			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Funniest Home Videos	(12:50) Movie "The Piano" (1993, Drama) Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel, Sam Neill.	Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne		
13:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Downrange	Girlfriends "L.A. Bound"		
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Movie "High School Musical 2" (2007) Zac Efron. A teen befriends members of a wealthy family.		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon Revisited			
15:00	Sesame Street		(2:54) Movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969, Western) Paul Newman, Robert Redford.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Running in Heels	SportsCenter	
15:30						Battleground	Running in Heels		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Army Newswatch	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		EXchange on Air			
17:00	Dr. Phil	(4:55) Movie "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (2002, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino.	Behind the Scenes	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30			The Big Tease	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama "Spanish Fry"
18:00	Judge Alex		What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	Everybody-Raymond		Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Avatar-Last Air	Movie "The Grudge 2" (2006) Amber Tamblyn. A young woman encounters a terrible curse in Tokyo.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trials"	Briefing Encore	Criss Angel Mindfreak		World Series of Poker (Part 1 of 4)
19:30	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band		Today	CSI: Miami "Resurrection"	Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl		World Series of Poker (Part 2 of 4)
20:00	The Young and the Restless	iCarly				Battleground	Chuck "Chuck versus the Cougars"	NBA Basketball Finals Game 4 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout)	South Park
20:30		Wizards of Waverly Place				Recon Revisited			South Park
21:00	General Hospital	Just Jordan	Movie "What Lies Beneath" (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid.	Today	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Around the Services	Brothers & Sisters "You Get What You Need"		Best Damn Sports Show Period
21:30		Everybody Hates Chris				Pacific Report	Seinfeld "The Opera"		Attack of the Show!
22:00	Days of our Lives	Heroes "Godsend"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Friends (Part 2 of 2)		
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	All Hands TV	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "When a Child Is Born"	(1:15) Movie "Dragnet" (1987, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		
23:30						Downrange			

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Avatar: The Last Airbender	(11:15) Movie "Dragnet" (1987) Dan Aykroyd, Tom Hanks.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	The Naked Brothers Band			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Futurama "Spanish Fry"
1:00	Headline News	iCarly	(0:55) Movie "Little Man" (2006) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans. A tiny thief poses as a toddler to retrieve a stolen gem.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Scrubs	Sports	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place			CSI: Miami A hostage situation turns into murder.	Around the Services	My Name Is Earl		Family Guy
2:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trials"	Just Jordan		Newsroom	Downrange	The American Veteran	Desperate Housewives "My Husband, the Pig"		World Series of Poker (Part 1 of 4)
2:30		Everybody Hates Chris			Oprah Winfrey	EXchange on Air	Third Watch "After Hours"	Sports	World Series of Poker (Part 2 of 4)
3:00	CSI: Miami "Resurrection"	Heroes "Godsend"	Movie "The Grudge 2" (2006, Horror) Amber Tamblyn. A young woman encounters a terrible curse in Tokyo.	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Opera"		South Park
3:30						Battleground	Friends (Part 2 of 2)	College Football Live	South Park
4:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "When a Child Is Born"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:30						This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:00	Headline News	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Movie "What Lies Beneath" (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford. A housewife is swept up in a spirit's supernatural revenge.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	National Guard News	Easy Entertaining	Around the Horn	
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Ace of Cakes	Pardon the Interruption	
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Ultimate Goals	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Viva Pinata	(1:15) Movie "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992) Kristy Swanson. A high-school cheerleader wages war against the undead.	Around the Services	Connie the Cow	Briefing Encore	Clean House	Sports	Sports
7:00		Clifford's Puppy Days		NBC Nightly News	Ribert & Robert's	Downrange			
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-lan		World News-Gibson	Sonic the Hedgehog	Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Mind Control" Mind control.		
8:00		Raggs		CBS Evening News	Danny Phantom	Around the Services	Storm Chasers "A New Season Begins"		
8:30	Judge Judy	The Emperor's New School	(1:15) Movie "Kindergarten Cop" (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A two-fisted L.A. cop poses as a kindergarten teacher.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Sports	Recon Revisited	Dirty Jobs Mike works with a cave biologist.		
9:00	CSI: Miami A hostage situation turns into murder.	Phineas and Ferb		Hannity		State Dept Briefing	Latin Lifestyles		
9:30		Ben 10				Fit For Duty	Urban Style		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dragonball GT		Anderson Cooper 360	Entertainment Studios.com	AFN Europe Report	Designed to Sell		
10:30					Criss Angel Mindfreak	This Week in the Pentagon	Tyler's Ultimate		
11:00	Dr. Phil	My Life as a Teenage Robot	Movie "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene. A Union officer befriends the Lakota.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Law & Order "Remains of the Day"	Fit For Duty	The Next Food Network Star	SportsCenter	Sports
11:30		Kenny the Shark		Campbell Brown	Deadliest Catch "On the Crab"	Battleground	New Amsterdam "Love Hurts"		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News			Law & Order "Remains of the Day"	Around the Services	Stargate Atlantis "Grace Under Pressure"	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
12:30	ESPNews	Grossology			Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Marrero Family"	FNG Useful benefits.	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There			World News-Gibson	Army Newswatch	That '70s Show		Top 20 Countdown
13:30	World News-Gibson	Lizzie McGuire			ESPNes	This Week in the Pentagon	The King of Queens		
14:00	Connie the Cow	The Crocodile Hunter "Freshwater Crocs"			Law & Order "By Perjury"	The Grill Sergeants	My Boys "The Boyfriend Hat"		ECW
14:30	Ribert & Robert's	Animal Miracles "The Body Electric"			Leverage "The Two Horse Job"	Fit For Duty	How I Met Your Mother		
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "Once a Hero"			48 Hours Mystery "Stolen Beauty"	Battleground	The Unit "Sacrifice"		
15:30	Danny Phantom					AFN Europe Report	Prison Break "Scylla"		
16:00	Naruto					The Grill Sergeants			
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life					Fit For Duty			
17:00	Entertainment Studios.com	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Ghostbusters" (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. Ghost fighters battle ghouls in a Manhattan high-rise.	Nightly Business Report		Fit For Duty			
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents		Nightline		Battleground			
18:00	Dogfights "Air Ambush"	The Universe The sun scorches Mercury and Venus		The O'Reilly Factor		AFN Europe Report			
18:30						The Grill Sergeants			
19:00	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance Top 20 dancers perform.	Movie "The Island" (2005, Action) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Djimon Hounsou. A mercenary pursues two clones on the run in 2019.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Fit For Duty			
19:30				Today		Fit For Duty			
20:00	Deadliest Catch "On the Crab"					Battleground			
20:30						AFN Europe Report			
21:00	Law & Order "Remains of the Day"	Made "Ballroom Dancer"				The Grill Sergeants			
21:30						Fit For Duty			
22:00	Law & Order "By Perjury"	Movie "The Incredibles" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action.				AFN Europe Report			
22:30						Today's Air Force			
23:00	Leverage "The Two Horse Job"		(1:12) Movie "Throw Momma From the Train" (1987)	Bulls and Bears	Til Death "The Hockey Lie"	Recon			
23:30				Cavuto on Business	The War at Home	This Week in the Pentagon	Austin City Limits		



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Yokota, Japan - 1995 Ford Mustang Convertible-Must sell, PCS'ing Very clean and reliable convertible with chrome rims and tires(less than 1yr old). Comes 1 year JCI until July 2010/road taxes paid; Left side steering wheel, a very good sound system and aftermarket speedometer panel. Asking \$3500 or OBO Must See! Please call 713-404-0690 or email lakajun2004@yahoo.com or call 26-6166

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century Black Chrome 20" Wheels w/ New Tires Leather Seats Power Front & Rear Seats Power Lumbar Front & Rear Seats Recline Power Head Rest Heated Seats Front & Rear Massaging Seats Front & Rear Power Windows "All Even The Small Triangular One's In The Front And Rear" Cold A/C Front & Rear CD Player Road Tax Paid JCI till Oct 2009 must see, to appreciate! \$3500 OBO Call: 080-3362-9822 "Cell" or 1-216-618-8433 "Hood" Email: azntzenali@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio Must Sell Newly JCI'd 4door is in great condition. Tires recently replaced, COLD A/C, auto transmission, power windows. Asking \$1500 willing to negotiate on price Call 080-3241-6736 or email rtype127@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan, 4 cylinders, runs great. Automatic transmission. Power locks & windows. Working A/C and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. Non-smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires). So, JCI is good until June 2011. \$1900 OBO. It is currently on the Lemon Lot #30. Please call or email to see or if you have any questions. 443-283-0661 (vona) - off base; Ask for Greg on base: 313-347-1030.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w/ sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 56,800km low miles never had any problems with the car, just updated JCI for 2 years even going up to date. Every annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well new rear tires. Asking \$2,200 OBO. Located in Yokosuka if interested pls. call 241-2392.

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda Saber Good Condition Silver w/ gray interior. New battery, JCI until 2011 asking \$3500 OBO or email mmt1soldier2@yahoo.com or call 26-6166

Yokota, Japan - \$2500 -OBO- 2001 Nissan Presage, Silver Loaded! Must Sell 79k km (49k mi), 8 passenger mini-van, Great family car, V-6, very comfortable. Smooth ride, Well cared for, 1-Pod/Aux reader; CD and MD player; GPS w/ DVD player/TV with remote; Power locks/windows, Strong A/C, Separate rear A/C; ETC on board; sensors; JCI until June 2010 Asking \$2500 OBO SAFE Family Car; PCS - Must sell immediately, make any offer! Call 263-3452 or 080-5866-5513 O R e m a i l sLhardy1512@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Skyline GT-R; 2 Yrs JCI 29K miles. Original R33 GT-R, RB26DETT engine. Countless upgrades including fuel system, turbo, body kit and camshafts. Never raced. 3rd owner car well maintained. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$21,500 Call Dan for more details at 720-257-6847 or email, dnigolian@gmail.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 97 Nissan Cedric GT 97-v6 engine 77,000km pearl white very clean and good condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI expire Jan 2011 asking \$3500 call 090-4247-0084 or email empoys5@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - PCS DEAL: '95 Skyline GT5 w/ 10 Months JCI - Priced to sell, quick, PCS'ing good condition. For showings, call Silver, AT, 4 door, CD player, spoiler - AC & Heat work good - 77K miles (124K km) - Reliable, Great Condition - First come first served Asking \$1100 - Check it out at the Lemon lot #17 I'm out of town 28 May - 12 June, you can email me if you just have questions. For showings, call Charles Murphy @ 850-254-9057 or email charlesdavid99@hotmail.com or charles.murphy@yokota.af.mil

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Zama-97 Nissan Cedric GT- V6 engine 77000km pearl white very good and clean condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI exp Jan 2011 \$3500. 09042470384 ask for JP

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Harley Davidson sportster 1200 XL 2003 XL 100th anniversary model with only 1,300 miles. JCI until 2010 asking \$7800 call 509-343-0732 or email jiausun@gmail.com

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Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Delta 5 in 1 crib bed. Light wood color. Casters, adjustable base and side bar which locks into place. \$55.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota, Japan - Beautiful Baby Girl Nursery Set bumper, quilt, super stacker, 2 decorate pillows, toy organizer, wall decorations, crib skirt, mobile. Paid over \$200 for everything asking \$75 for all E-mail for pictures for all Call 3145583462

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Changing table I am looking for a changing table for a cheap price. I'm having my first baby and we're a little tight on the budget. I found changing tables at the Amazon.com but they're a little expensive for me. Preferable price for me is around \$30-\$50 but we can negotiate on the price, depending on the quality and design of the table. Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com Thanks!

Bicycles 220

Yokota, Japan - 12 inch Girls Magna bicycle used girls bicycle in great condition. No training wheels. Asking \$20 Please call (323)338-7553 or email midsherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mongoose E-Pro 21 speed bicycle Mongoose E-Pro mountain bike with quick release wheels \$80; Magna multi-speed mountain bike in good condition \$40 and female multi-speed bicycle \$40. Please call 6143584904 or email garyschwamm@hotmail.com

Yokota - Small Woman Bike wanted. It doesn't have to be nice, something I can ride on and store in my favorite decanter filled with your favorite beverage; it also has room for glasses. The bottom part of the cabinet has plenty of room for storing other bottles of whatever you like. Asking \$55 Please call Karin and Barry at 407-373-1304 if interested

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - huge box filled w/ woman's clothing must sell immediately b 4 I leave. One of serious buyers call me. I have put together a huge box filled w/ really nice women's clothing / shoes. They are all really nice. Some were never worn. Name brands: Eddie Bauer, L'BEAN, mossimo, Sonoma, ked, lees, Nike, and so much more. Sizes range from s, m, l, XL, maybe an xxi-10, 12, 14, 16. There are clothes for all seasons, work-out attire, work clothes, and much more. This huge, heavy box-ful for only \$60.00-there is a huge amount-this is a great way to save money. Either buy for yourself, or perhaps share w/ friends. (I paid \$60 for one pair of Capri's in this box, so this is truly a great deal). Angela 916-473-4488

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Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Ancient Times Globe Liquor Cabinet (Got it see it) This is a great little globe cabinet well, sort of. It's a globe of ancient earth that opens up and stores your favorite decanter filled with your favorite beverage; it also has room for glasses. The bottom part of the cabinet has plenty of room for storing other bottles of whatever you like. Asking \$55 Please call Karin and Barry at 407-373-1304 if interested

Yokota, Japan - Great Condition Black Leather Sectional Sofa We are moving soon and have to downsize for our new home. The sofa is in excellent condition with little use- fairly new. If you are sincerely interested, please come by and look at it, asking \$450. Hopefully, I will have a picture up in the next few days, however. OBO Call 080-3727-3357

Yokota, Japan - Twin Size Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress Upgraded to a Queen Size for my teenager this one is taking up room on my staircase! Great, clean, comfortable mattress beats FMO mattresses by a long shot!) Email or call for pictures if interested or come by and look! Email or call 512-275-4895, 080-4602-7175 or 080-4603-0962 anytime Asking \$100 Free Delivery

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Furniture 510

Yokota - Wanted: Full or Queen Size Bed (Oak or White). We are looking for an EXCELLENT CONDITION. ONLY PLEASE Full or Queen Size Bed. WE DO NOT NEED THE MATTRESS. We are hoping to find one that is either LIGHT OAK or White. We would PREFER something that has a pedestal base (drawers on bottom so you only need a mattress). OR, SOMETHING THAT HAS lights/shelves/etc built into the headboard as a unit. Call 916-473-4488.

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokosuka, Japan - Forget about filling kerosene tanks. Air heater sale - pack of 3 heaters only used for one winter before moving. 1 tall electric, 1 small electric, 1 large gas heater (non-kerosene/propane gas). Over \$450 value only for \$250 OBO. Please email samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162

Yokota, Japan - White, like new, Japanese style microwave purchased 6 months ago for sale for \$35.00. Priced to move. Contact Keith at 09086689480 or email keithwms@hotmail.com for photo.

Household Items 560

Yokosuka, Japan - Don't pay the expensive prices outside base. Set of large curtains. Approximately 66 inches tall per curtain set of 6 curtains light blue. \$130 OBO. Contact samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162

Household Items 560

Atsugi - Brand new in packaging, 4 piece crib bedding set. Includes quilt, bumper, dust ruffle and crib sheet. The theme is "Aviator". The colors are different shades of blues, greens, yellows and whites and there are different bi-planes embroidered all around the quilt, bumper and dust ruffle. The dust ruffle is pleated, not ruffled like a little girl's would be. Originally \$150.00 selling for \$90.00. Please e-mail me if you would like pictures. Nicole, 264-7430

Yokota, Japan - large bag filled w/ great kitchen items must sell now: I have put together a huge, heavy bag filled w/ different kitchen items that I never used, used just a few times, or have had for a long time, but kept in great shape. This bag includes brand names: le Cresset, OXO, Tupperware, pampered chef, and much, much more! This whole bag is priced to sell immediately: \$35 for all-amazing deal. So sorry, I do not have any pictures. Serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. If I'm not home, please leave your name w/ good contact number so I may return your call. Thank you.



Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - really nice full/queen bedding set this set was taken excellent care of, very clean, was taken to the cleaners. I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be-asking \$160. Must sell b 4 I leave. I think this set is really nice. It has the natural, neutral browns w/ an accent of soft blue. Chenille/sued trim will match about any decor. It will include: comforter, best fit sheet set, decorative pillows, bed skirt, extra soft blanket, set of 2 curtain panels, set of 2 curtain tie backs, valance, set of 2 shams, and much more. Curtains can be hung on curtain rod, or on sliders. Really nice set only serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. Must sell immediately if not home, please leave message. Thank you.

Home Electronics 570

Fuji - Selling a Vestax PMC 17A professional digital mixer. It has a polished metal surface and has never been used. Asking price is \$350.00. E-mail me at jayfromjapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - I have five XBOX 360 games that I would like to get rid of. Americas army, Nascar 08, full spectrum warrior ten hammers, Kane and lynch dead men, and NCAA 08 football all go at this price. Asking \$80 Call 2408455298 or email wellsryan78@yahoo.com.

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Outdoor Living 775

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Yokota, Japan - Worx GT Cordless Trimmer I have a like-new great cordless trimmer with 6 extra spools of line and a wall storage unit that holds the trimmer and battery! Only used twice. Sekkubg because we got orders here and living in tower. This is a trimmer and edger and best of all cordless! Asking \$75 Call Dan at 850-254-9049

Pets 820

Yokota - Free - Foster kittens in need of a loving and PERMANENT home. There are 5 males and one female, many colors to choose from. If interested please email Teresa at harris6302@yahoo.com or call 042-537-3449

Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Parakeets w/Cage 2 parakeets (one yellow, one green), easy to handle, you can hand feed, comes with cage, stand, food, and toy many accessories. Asking \$45 OBO call 813-200-9379 or email aladdin002@yahoo.com

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Toys 945

Atsugi - Radio flyer trike with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99.00, selling for \$40.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - 20 inch tall Pooh Bear and Tiger stuffed toys. Soft and cuddle. Good Condition. Price is for both. For Pooh Bear lovers, young and old. Asking \$15.00. Call 1-904-229-0534

Yokota, Japan - Girls Pink Disney scooter Great condition! Perfect for beginners. Asking \$15 Please contact (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Red K2 5 Speed ski poles. Bought for \$50.00, selling for \$30.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Rossi Axiom Skis with bindings. Size 150. Red and white. Originally bought for \$165.00, selling for \$70.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Atsugi - Tecnica ski boots. Only used 3 times. Size 24 fits a size 6-8. Silver/gray in color. Originally bought for \$135.00 selling for \$50.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Atsugi - Volant ski bag. Selling for \$25.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - Golf Club Set "Knight" Right Handed set from #4 through Sand Wedge, Driving Iron and Driver. Asking \$45.00. E-mail rmgenune@aol.com, call 6143584876.

Air Travel 1006

Yokota, Japan - Discount plane ticket to Korea? Is anyone can tell me there I can buy cheap discount plane ticket to Korea for round trip from Jun 18 or 19th ~Jun 29th or 30th? Any help appreciated! Thank you. Please contact Miya 614-358-4889

Miscellaneous 1040

Atsugi - Wasabi green Chicco carseat for sale! Brand new! Never used. \$40 cash. Simple bronze medal dining set with four chairs. \$50 cash. E-mail mmpafmoa177@yahoo.com. I can e-mail pictures!

Yokota, Japan - coffee table, fans, Shredder, vacuum, Kitchen items Round glass top coffee table \$40; 3-speed oscillating floor fan \$10; paper shredder \$10; Hoover vacuum \$20; Automatic coffee maker \$5 Asking \$40. Please call 6143584904

Yokota, Japan - DVD Movies-\$3.50 each or all for \$35: First Daughter w/ Katie Holmes The Patriot, extended cut w/ Mel Gibson Barbie & the Nutcracker Ladder 49 w/ Joaquin Phoenix & John Travolta Fantastic 4-part 1

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Miscellaneous 1040

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Yokota, Japan - Yard Sale 14 & 21 June 2009 Rain or sun 09:00 Girls/Boys Clothing ages 2-6 inflatable pool w slide-almost new toys children's book arts and craft / scrap book items Japanese humidifier (the best in market) DVDs Candle Accessories from Yankee Candles furniture handmade Turkish jewelry costume jewelry kids/toddler winter jackets from LL Bean/Land's End and more. Great items Call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

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Far East spring awards

Ashlimans, Brown always looked to attack

Zama sisters shared spotlight in title run; sprinter won three golds

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Most Pacific prep soccer watchers knew what Zama American had in Aubrey and Mallarie Ashliman. But Nile C. Kinnick hurdler-turned-sprinter Donovan Brown's achievements came out of the blue.

The three share Stars and Stripes Athlete of the Quarter honors for the spring season. The Ashlimans combined for 86 goals and 43 assists in pacing the Trojans to the first Far East Class AA Tournament title in school history. Brown went unbeaten in hurdles this season and paced the Red Devils to their best boys team finish in five years.

Brown "isn't your normal athlete," his coach, Al Garrido, said of the speedster he terms a "soft-spoken yet motivated athlete."

"He's probably one of the most modest individuals you will find. But when he steps on the track and prepares to attack any event he is entered for — watch out."

Beginning the season as a "decent" hurdler, Brown was asked by Garrido to step in as a 100- and 200-meter sprinter. Brown promptly won his first 100 race.

He went unbeaten in hurdles, broke the Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools 400 hurdles mark and in the May 16 Kanto Invitational won three gold medals and a bronze for 36 team points.

Kinnick's boys placed third in the league finals and second in the Kanto Invitational, their best finish since 2004.

Aubrey Ashliman (45 goals, 10 assists), a junior, earned tournament MVP honors, and Mallarie (41-33), a sophomore, won the Golden Boot with nine goals. Zama won its title by outgunning two-time Class AA runner-up and host Kubasaki 3-2 in a penalty-kick shootout in the title match.

That two-pronged assault, helped by a solid supporting cast, helped Zama to a school-record 24-4-4 mark, best in DODDS-Japan and second behind American School In Japan in the Kanto standings.

"If I want ball control and a little more defense, I go with Aubrey. If I want speed and ball handling, I go with Mallarie," coach Rogers Pitts said. "Aubrey provides leadership, a complete game, confidence, maturity. Mallarie, there's a fire inside her. If you tick her off, she goes to another level and it doesn't stop the rest of the game. Any college would be lucky to have either of them."

Other spring season awards

Coach of the quarter: Not only did Chris Anderson lead Matthew C. Perry's girls



RICHARD L. RODGERS/Special to Stars and Stripes

Zama American Trojans striker Aubrey Ashliman, who tallied 55 points (45 goals, 10 assists) this season, shares Stars and Stripes Athlete of the Quarter honors with her sister, Mallarie, and Nile C. Kinnick hurdler-turned-sprinter Donovan Brown.

to their second Class A soccer final in three years, he took in the children of science teacher Brian Kuzak, who suffered a stroke, for more than a month while coaching, teaching, fundraising and taking care of his team and family.

Team of the quarter: The third time proved to be the charm for Osan American's girls soccer team. Playing four matches in nine hours, the Cougars (23-5-3) came out of the loser's bracket to double-

dip Perry and win their first Class A title since 2006, after suffering heartbreaking exits the previous two years.

Program of the quarter: ASIJ track and field swept the boys and girls league and Kanto Invitational team titles, setting seven league records along the way. The rebuilding baseball team finished second in the Kanto league and tournament standings.

Track and field athletes of the quarter:



Zama American Trojans sophomore striker Mallarie Ashliman, left, scored 41 goals and made 33 assists during the season.

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Aside from Brown, Zion Christian Academy's Sarah Wilson dominated the Mike Petty Memorial meet in April with four golds, including the 400 meet record, then won three golds in the Okinawa Activities Council district finals. Then ASIJ's Gwen Thornton took over, setting 400 and 1,600 relay marks and taking four golds in the Kanto Invitational, a week after winning four league finals golds.

Softball player of the quarter: Senior third baseman Shannon Scott earned Most Outstanding Player honors in pacing Kadena to the first DODDS-Japan tournament to welcome out-of-area teams. Scott and the Panthers lost just once the entire season in capturing their seventh straight OAC district title.

Baseball player of the quarter: Senior Sean Durham of St. Mary's International led the Titans to an unbeaten Kanto season, the Kubasaki Spring Fling and Kanto Invitational Tournament titles, earning MOP honors in the latter.

Soccer players of the quarter: Perry's Karla Stroud scored a Pacific-best 48 goals, and even stepped in the net to fill in for injured keeper Kate Cutshall when needed. In a crowded boys field, junior David Kim (23 goals, 12 assists) helped Yongsan International-Seoul repeat its boys Class A title.

Play of the quarter: Zama girls goalkeeper Deanne Polaski ensured the Trojans' first Class AA title with three big saves during the penalty-kick shootout against Kubasaki.

Game of the quarter: Kadena leads Kubasaki 4-2 with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning of Game 2 in the OAC district finals. Then in shocking fashion, the Dragons pour 13 runs across the plate to win by the run rule, 15-4.

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Saturday
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Boston at Philadelphia.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Game 7, Pittsburgh at Detroit.
AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m.—MLB: Oakland at San Francisco.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: San Diego at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Texas (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Game 7, Pittsburgh at Detroit (dld).

Sunday
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.—Motorcycle racing: AMA Supercross Lites: Salt Lake City (dld).
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB: Minnesota Twins at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College baseball: College World Series - Game 1: Arkansas vs Cal State Fullerton.
AFN-Xtra, 4 a.m.—Ultimate fighting: UFC 99 The Comeback, Franklin vs Silva.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—MLB: New York Mets at New York Yankees
AFN-Xtra, 7 a.m.—Motorcycle Racing: FIM World Superbike: Netherlands - Race 1 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—Motorcycle Racing: FIM World Superbike: Netherlands - Race 2.
AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.—MLB: Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—College Baseball: College World Series, Game 2: Virginia vs LSU.
AFN-Xtra, 9:30 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide series: Meijer 300 (Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, KY).
AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—MLB: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Angels (joined in progress).
AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.—Motorcycle racing: ALLI AMA Motocross (Mt. Morris, PA) (dld)
AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—MLS: Chicago Fire at D.C. United (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: Florida Marlins at Toronto Blue Jays (dld).
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—MLB: Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee Brewers (dld)
AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.—MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cleveland Indians (dld)
AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.—MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at Texas Rangers (dld) .

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Boxing

Fight schedule
June 13
At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title; Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Rodel Mayol, Philippines, 12, for Calderon's WBO light flyweight title.
At Mexico City, Juan Palacios, Nicaragua, vs. Erik Ramirez, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBC minimumweight title.
June 19
At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.
At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Monty Meza-Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.
June 20
At Veltins Arena, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Ruslan Chagaev, Uzbekistan, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Ustinov, Belarus, vs. Michael Sprott, Britain, 10, heavyweight.
At Veracruz, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the vacant WBC-NABF super flyweight title; Edgar Sosa, Mexico, vs. Carlos Melo, Panama, 12, for Sosa's WBC light flyweight title.
At Rivier Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, vs. Nicolai Firtha, Akron, Ohio, 12, for the vacant WBC/NABF Native American Boxing Council heavyweight title.
June 21
At Sunchales, Argentina, Hugo Hernan Garay, Argentina, vs. David Gogiyva, 12, for Garay's WBA light heavyweight title.
June 26
At Casino Rama, Rama, Ontario, Steve Molitor, Canada, vs. Heriberto Ruiz, Mexico, 12, junior featherweights.
At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz., Daniel Jacobs, New York, vs. George Walton, New York, 10, middleweights.
June 27
At Windhoek, Namibia, Paulus Moses, Namibia, vs. Verquan Kimbrough, Pittsburgh, 12, for Moses' WBA lightweight title.
At London, Andreas Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title;

Tennis

Gerry Weber Open
Wednesday
At Gerry Weber Stadion Halle, Germany
Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Harel Levy, Israel, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Second Round
Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (8).
Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Rainer Schuettler (8), Germany, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Dmitry Tursunov (6), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Doubles
Quarterfinals
Nicolas Kiefer and Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Novak Djokovic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-1, 6-1.

Queen's Club
Thursday
At The Queen's Club London
Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Third Round
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Gael Monfils (4), France, walkover (left wrist)
James Blake (6), United States, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
Mardy Fish (8), United States, def. Feliciano Lopez (10), Spain, 6-1, 6-4
Wednesday
Singles
Second Round
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Marin Cilic (5), Croatia, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (4).
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Alberto Martin, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (16), Spain, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Mikhail Youzhny (14), Russia, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-1, 6-4.
Lleyton Hewitt (15), Australia, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Ivo Karlovic (9), Croatia, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (4), 6-2.
Gilles Simon (3), France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Rik De Voest, South Africa, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (8).
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu (11), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Simon Aspinell, Sweden, and Paul Hanley, Australia, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Travis Parrott, United States, 6-2, 3-6, 10-7 tiebreak.
Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Leos Friedl and David Skoch, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 10-3 tiebreak.

Matthew Hall, Britain, vs. Anthony Small, Britain, 12, for Hall's Commonwealth junior middleweight title.
At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Juan Manuel Lopez, Puerto Rico, vs. Olivier Lontchi, Canada, 12, for Lopez's WBO super bantamweight title; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., 12, for Montiel's WBO bantamweight title; Mike Alvarado, Thornton, Colo., vs. Paul Malignaggi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 10, light welterweights; Vanes Martirosyan, Glendale, Calif., vs. Andrey Tsurkan, Bronx, N.Y., 10, light middleweights.
At Tamaulipas, Mexico, Jorge Linares, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA super featherweight title.
At Quintana Roo, Mexico, Juan Jose Landaeza, Venezuela, vs. Francisco Rosas, Mexico, 12, for the vacant interim WBA light flyweight title; Koki Kameda, Japan, vs. Omar Salado, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBA flyweight title.
At Staples Center, Los Angeles, Chris John, Indonesia, vs. Rocky Juarez, Houston, 12, for John's WBA featherweight title; Victor Ortiz, Oxnard, Calif., vs. Marcos Maidana, Argentina, 12, for the interim WBA light welterweight title.

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College baseball

College World Series
At Rosenblatt Stadium Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination Saturday, June 13
Game 1 — Arkansas (39-22) vs. Cal State Fullerton (47-14)
Game 2 — Virginia (48-13-1) vs. LSU (51-16)
Sunday, June 14
Game 3 — Arizona State (49-12) vs. North Carolina (47-16)
Game 4 — Southern Mississippi (40-24) vs. Texas (46-14-1)
Monday, June 15
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Tuesday, June 16
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner
Wednesday, June 17
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser
Thursday, June 18
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser
Friday, June 19
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner
Saturday, June 20
Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, if necessary
Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, if necessary
Championship Series
Best-of-three
June 22-24
Bracket winners

Pro soccer

MLS									
Eastern Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Chicago	5	2	6	21	20	17			
D.C.	5	2	7	19	20	17			
Columbus	3	2	7	16	17	17			
Kansas City	4	5	4	16	16	16			
New England	4	3	4	16	14	17			
Toronto FC	4	5	4	16	17	21			
New York	2	2	3	9	12	22			
Western Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Chivas USA	8	3	3	27	18	10			
Houston	7	2	3	24	16	7			
Seattle	4	3	5	17	15	10			
Colorado	4	5	5	17	14	14			
Los Angeles	2	1	9	15	15	14			
Real Salt Lake	3	6	3	12	16	16			
FC Dallas	2	6	4	10	14	19			
San Jose	2	7	3	9	14	24			
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.									
Wednesday's games									
Saturday's games									
Houston 1, Chivas USA 0									
Chicago at D.C. United									
New York at Toronto FC									
Houston at FC Dallas									
New England at Kansas City									
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles									
San Jose at Seattle FC									
Sunday's games									
Chivas USA at Columbus									

Wednesday
Dynamo 1, Chivas 0
WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	1	3	24	15	4
Washington	3	3	3	12	16	18
Boston	3	3	1	11	10	11
Saint Louis	3	3	2	11	7	8
FC Gold Pride	3	5	2	11	10	14
Chicago	2	3	4	10	8	8
Sky Blue FC	2	5	2	8	6	9

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Washington
Los Angeles at Sky Blue FC
Sunday's game
Saint Louis at Boston

Deals

Wednesday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned RHP Denny Stark outright to Tacoma (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF David Dellucci on a minor league contract and assigned him to Las Vegas (PCL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Activated INF Aaron Miles from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF-OF Jake Fox to Iowa (PCL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated RHP Geoff Gentry from the 15-day DL and sent him outright to Round Rock (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Acquired OF Chip Ambres from Boston. Announced OF Emil Brown cleared waivers and accepted an outright assignment to Buffalo (IL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Drew Storen and assigned him to Hagerstown (SAL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Named Todd Fleming vice president of ticket sales.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Named Paul Westphal coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed K Shane Andrus.
NEW YORK JETS—Agreed to terms with QB Mark Sanchez on a multiyear contract. Signed P Reggie Hodges. Waived P Eric Willbur.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS—Fired coach Dave Tippett.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Agreed to terms with G Ray Emery on a one-year contract.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS—Signed M Lamar Neagle.
Women's Professional Soccer
WASHINGTON FREEDOM—Acquired D-M Ali Krieger from FFC Frankfurt. Waived F Claire Zimreck.
COLLEGE
COAST GUARD—Named Rick Gaines women's basketball coach.
EL PASO—Extended the contract Mike Kennedy, baseball coach, through the 2014 season.
HOLY CROSS—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Ralph Willard to become men's basketball assistant head coach at Louisville.
SAN FRANCISCO—Signed men's soccer coach Erik Visser to a contract extension.

Auto racing

NASCAR Nationwide Series
Schedule, standings
Feb. 14 — Camping World 300, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
Feb. 21 — Stater Bros. 300, Fontana, Calif. (Kyle Busch)
Feb. 28 — Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas (Greg Biffle)
March 21 — Scotts Turf Builder 300, Bristol, Tenn. (Kevin Harvick)
April 4 — O'Reilly 300, Fort Worth, Texas (Kyle Busch)
April 11 — Pepsi 300, Lebanon, Tenn. (Joey Logano)
April 17 — Bashas' Supermarkets 200, Avondale, Ariz. (Greg Biffle)
April 25 — Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala. (David Ragan)
May 1 — Lipton Tea 250, Richmond, Va. (Kyle Busch)
May 8 — Diamond Hill Plywood 200, Darlington, S.C. (Matt Kenseth)
May 23 — CARQUEST Auto Parts 300, Concord, N.C. (Mike Bliss)
May 30 — Heluva Good! 200 Dover, Del. (Brad Keselowski)
June 6 — Federated Auto Parts 300, Lebanon, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
June 13 — Meijer 300, Sparta, Ky.
June 20 — NorthernTool.com 250, West Allis, Wis.
June 27 — Camping World RV Sales 200, Loudon, N.H.
July 3 — Subway Jalapeno 250, Daytona Beach, Calif.
July 10 — Dollar General 300, Joliet, Ill.
July 18 — Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250, Madison, Ill.
July 25 — Kroger 200, Indianapolis
Aug. 1 — U.S. Cellular 250, Newton, Iowa
Aug. 8 — Zippo 200, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 15 — Michigan 250, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 21 — Food City 250, Bristol, Tenn.
Aug. 30 — NAPA Auto Parts 200, Montreal.
Sept. 5 — Degree V12 300, Hampton, Ga.
Sept. 11 — Richmond (Va.) 250
Sept. 26 — Dover 200, Dover, Del.
Oct. 3 — Kansas Lottery 300, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 10 — Camping World RV 300, Fontana, Calif.
Oct. 16 — Dollar General 300, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 24 — Nationwide Series 250, Memphis, Tenn.
Nov. 7 — O'Reilly Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas.
Nov. 14 — Arizona 200, Avondale
Nov. 21 — Ford 300, Homestead, Fla.
Driver standings
1. Kyle Busch, 2,031
2. Carl Edwards, 1,966
3. Jason Leffler, 1,843
4. Brad Keselowski, 1,838
5. Joey Logano, 1,670
6. Mike Bliss, 1,520

Sports briefs

Alabama football, 15 other teams on probation

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The NCAA placed Alabama's football program and 15 other athletic teams at the school on three years' probation for major violations due to misuse of free textbooks.

The NCAA's Committee on Infractions said Thursday the football team must forfeit an unspecified number of victories in which any of seven players took part during 2005-2007. The university identified the seven as "intentional wrongdoers."

The NCAA said that 201 athletes in the 16 sports, including men's basketball, obtained "impermissible benefits" by using their scholarships to obtain free textbooks for other students. It also found the university guilty of "failure to monitor."

The university was ordered to pay a \$43,900 fine, close to the value of the books.

Alabama identified 22 of the athletes as "intentional wrongdoers" who knew they were receiving improper benefits. Fifteen were members of the women's track and field team who acquired textbooks and materials of value greater than \$100 for girlfriends, friends and other athletes. The four biggest offenders in dollar value were football players, who received from \$2,714 to \$3,947 in improper benefits.

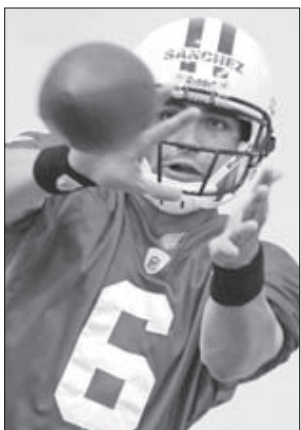
The other sports hit with probation were softball, baseball, gymnastics, women's basketball, soccer, volleyball and the men's and women's teams in golf, swimming, tennis and track and field.

The university is a repeat violator. The football program was placed on five years' probation in February 2002, when it was also under the five-year window for basketball violations.

"Although the committee commends the institution for self-discovering, investigating and reporting the textbook violations, it remains troubled, nonetheless, by the scope of the violations in this instance and by the institution's recent history of infractions cases," the NCAA said.

The NCAA said about 125 athletes received benefits totaling less than \$100 each.

The university was cited for not adequately monitoring the process or having a system for detecting the violations on a timely



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Quarterback Mark Sanchez, a first-round draft pick, signed a five-year contract potentially worth \$60 million with the New York Jets on Wednesday.

basis. The NCAA said the athletes weren't restricted by purchase limits or required to show photo identification.

Nick Saban replaced Mike Shula as coach after the 2006 football season and suspended five players — Antoine Caldwell, Glen Coffee, Marquis Johnson, Chris Rogers and Marlon Davis — for four games when the university uncovered the violations in 2007. The Tide was 5-2 at that point and its only victories in the next six games came against Tennessee and Colorado in the Independence Bowl.

Jets give Sanchez deal worth up to \$60M

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez wanted no contract squabbles or training-camp headaches. The New York Jets' rookie quarterback got his big deal — and a huge sense of relief — before minicamp was completed, signing a five-year deal Wednesday that could be worth up to \$60 million, including \$28 million guaranteed.

"It sends the right message," Sanchez said. "It's not in my makeup to hold out like that. That would've just been terrible for me. This just eliminates that whole factor. I'll be there Day 1, ready to go and compete. It's going to be a good time and a competitive

time."

Agent David Dunn said the deal is worth "around the \$50 million mark," but could reach \$60 million with incentives. That would make it the richest rookie deal given by the Jets.

Detroit gave quarterback Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 overall pick and the only other first-rounder to sign, a six-year contract worth up to \$78 million, with \$41.7 million in guarantees. Although Sanchez's deal falls short of that, Dunn said doing the contract for five years instead of the usual six for top picks satisfied both sides.

Sanchez led Southern California to a Rose Bowl victory over Penn State with a record-setting performance in his final college game. He's competing with veteran Kellen Clemens for the Jets' starting job, up for grabs after the retirement of Brett Favre.

20 batters, 12 hits, 15 runs in sixth inning

CHIBA, Japan — Bobby Valentine's Chiba Lotte Marines broke out of a hitting slump with a Japanese professional baseball record of 15 runs in one inning.

Lotte sent 20 batters to the plate in the bottom of the sixth inning, in which the team had 12 hits, including 11 singles. The Marines defeated the Hiroshima Carp 23-2 on Thursday.

The previous record for the most runs in an inning was 14. Valentine, who led the New York Mets to the World Series in 2000, is in his seventh season with the Marines.

Heading into the game, the Marines had the Pacific League's lowest batting average (.250) and the second-fewest runs scored (207).

Manchester United gets record offer for Ronaldo

LONDON — Manchester United accepted a world-record transfer offer for Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid on Thursday, clearing the world player of the year to negotiate with the Spanish club.

The Premier League champion said it received an unconditional offer of \$131 million for Ronaldo, and unlike last off-season is willing to see its 24-year-

old star join a major European rival.

United said: "At Cristiano's request — who has again expressed his desire to leave — and after discussion with the player's representatives, United have agreed to give Real Madrid permission to talk to the player. Matters are expected to be concluded by 30 June."

The Portugal winger, who joined United from Sporting Lisbon in 2003, spent last June pushing for what he called at the time a "dream move" to Madrid.

In other soccer news:

■ David Beckham was closer to achieving his dream of playing in another World Cup by starting and finishing his first competitive match for England since 2007 in Wednesday's 6-0 rout of Andorra in a qualifier. A 112th England appearance at the age of 34 will raise Beckham's hopes of making the finals in South Africa next year, assuming his team qualifies, and of potentially breaking the national record of 125 caps held by retired goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

Former Illinois star arrested on drug charges

PEORIA, Ill. — Authorities said former Illinois basketball standout and 2001 Big Ten player of the year Frank Williams was arrested on drug charges.

Williams, 29, and his brother, Aaron, 24, were arrested Wednesday after agents for the Multi-County Enforcement Group executed a search warrant at a Peoria home. Agents seized 78 grams of marijuana, a digital scale and a .40 caliber handgun. Frank Williams was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Aaron Williams was charged with unlawful possession and not having a firearm ID card. They were taken to the Peoria County Jail.

Stars fire Tippet, hire Crawford

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars named Marc Crawford their new coach Thursday, bringing in a well-traveled NHL veteran to replace the fired Dave Tip-

pett.

The coaching change is the first significant move by general manager Joe Nieuwendyk since he was hired May 31.

Crawford has a 470-361-156 record in 13 seasons as coach of the Quebec Nordiques/Colorado Avalanche, Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles Kings. He was the Avalanche coach when they won the 1996 Stanley Cup. His last season on the bench was for the Kings in 2007-08, when they were 32-43-7.

Tippett was 271-162-59 in six seasons with the Stars. He took them to the playoffs five times before falling short last season.

"I am very excited that we have been able to secure Marc Crawford as head coach of the Dallas Stars," Nieuwendyk said in a statement. "Marc is a winner with extensive experience in this league, and I am confident he will get the most out of our hockey club. ... Dave Tippett did a very good job in his six seasons here with the Stars, however it was my feeling that our team needed a new direction moving forward."

The Stars made it to the Western Conference finals in 2008 and entered last season with high expectations, but had an injury-plagued season.

Autographed Jordan jersey stolen from Parker's home

SAN ANTONIO — An autographed Michael Jordan jersey was stolen from the home of San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker.

The Bexar County sheriff's office said Parker's manager reported the jersey missing last month. It had been taken from a gym under construction at Parker's home.

Detectives found a listing for the jersey on Craigslist that was posted by Christopher James Carolan, 22. The San Antonio man worked for the security company hired to protect the home. Carolan had an outstanding warrant for burglary in a separate case. He was arrested and charged with burglary in the previous case and remained jailed Thursday. A theft warrant also was issued in the Parker case.

Father's Day is June 21

STARS AND STRIPES will publish Father's Day Messages in the Middle East, European and Pacific editions on June 21.

Messages are also online for viewing at Stripes.com. Online-only messages will be accepted until June 20.



A WEEKLY LOOK **RACING STRIPES** AT MOTORSPORTS

King Richard bemoans recession

'The economy, it's hit us between the eyes,' NASCAR great says

By JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

FRANDLEMAN, N.C. — From behind those trademark shades, Richard Petty has seen just about everything during a half-century in racing.

But even The King has been caught off guard by the severity of the recession that has caused NASCAR to tap its brakes: Automakers are entering Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, team sponsors are slashing budgets and fans are struggling to scrape up money for travel, tickets and trinkets.

"The economy, it's hit us between the eyes," Petty said in an interview with The Associated Press at his museum in central North Carolina. "[The recession] has kind of put the clamps on our spectators coming, because you've got to figure our sport, probably more so than any other sport, is a sport that people travel a lot of miles to go to. When the economy gets like it is, then they can afford tickets, but they can't afford to get there because of the gas mileage, the motels, the food."

The mustachioed racing icon made cowboy hats with ostrich feathers — and, yes, those wrap-around sunglasses that protect his sensitive eyes — fashion staples while winning seven championships and a NASCAR-record 200 Cup races during his 35-year racing career.

But that legacy hasn't protected him or his team from this recession.

Petty Enterprises merged with Gillett Evernham Motorsports in January in a move that kept



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Richard Petty says he has been caught off guard by the severity of the recession that has caused auto racing to tap its brakes. Just this week, he said, Richard Petty Motorsports was forced to lay off nine employees and reduce salaries throughout the company.

Petty's famed No. 43 Dodge racing. And just this week, the new organization co-owned by Petty — Richard Petty Motorsports — laid off nine employees and reduced salaries throughout the company, a byproduct of Chrysler's Chapter 11 filing.

"The deal is, the strong will survive through this and will come out the other end that much stronger," Petty said. "If it lasts forever, we're still going to be

able to set our businesses up on what it is right now. We don't have the money flow, we don't have the deal, we can't do the things we want to do, that kind of stuff. So you just tighten the belt, and then if it don't expand, then you've already tightened your belt, and you tightened it so that you can survive.

"Right now, a lot of it is more than a go-forward mode. We're more in a survival mode, so

let's get through all this stuff. Then we'll start looking at going forward."

With the sport stuck in such a shaky present, it's no wonder that many fans might find themselves longing for the past.

To hear Petty tell it, though, the good old days weren't always so good.

"We went through a bunch of ups and downs (during NASCAR's) 60 years, but the deal was,

most of the time, if there was a recession, OK, it didn't affect us directly," Petty said. "It might have affected the cigarette companies, or it might have affected textiles ... but it didn't directly affect us as far as the racing crowd, so we could continue to do our deal."

"But now, the way the economy is, it affected everybody. It doesn't make a difference — if you're just sitting over on the hill and you've been over there by yourself for 10 years and ain't seen nobody, it still affects you. ... It's a different kind of a recession that's over our head."

Still, there are plenty of reasons for Petty to reflect on his Hall of Fame career.

Next month is the 25th anniversary of victory No. 200. His final trip to Victory Lane as a driver came at the Firecracker 400 on July 4, 1984. He marked the occasion by releasing a four-hour, four-disc audiobook that preserves the memories of the 50-plus years that passed since his father, three-time NASCAR champion Lee Petty, suggested he cut the top off of an old car and drive it in a convertible series race.

"If you hadn't had a bunch of that stuff that us and some of them drivers went through, you wouldn't have NASCAR today," Petty said. "It would be back starting again. What happened, all the people that came through, whether they were motor people or writing PR or not, it took all them people to make it work. Zillions and zillions of people that are behind the scenes. ... Without those people doing their job, then these guys wouldn't have the opportunity to do what they're doing today."

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

Race 15: LifeLock 400 at Michigan Int'l. Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich. 3 a.m. Monday Japan & Korea, AFN-Xtra

Last race: Tony Stewart raced to his first Cup points victory as an owner, coming from the rear of the field and gambling on fuel at Pocono Raceway.

Last year: Dale Earnhardt Jr. ended a 76-race victory drought with his lone victory for Hendrick Motorsports, driving the last 55 laps — including three of overtime — without stopping for fuel.

Worth noting: After Lance McGrew replaced Tony Eury Jr. as crew chief following a season-worst 40th-place run at Charlotte, Earnhardt finished 12th at Dover and 27th at Pocono.

Next race: Toyota/SaveMart 350, June 21, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Calif.



Driver to watch: Although he hasn't won this year, Carl Edwards has two victories in Michigan, as well as five top five and eight top 10 finishes.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 14 of 36 races

1. Tony Stewart.....	2,043
2. Jeff Gordon.....	1,972
3. Jimmie Johnson.....	1,940
4. Ryan Newman.....	1,840
5. Kurt Busch.....	1,819
6. Carl Edwards.....	1,762
7. Greg Biffle.....	1,753
8. Matt Kenseth.....	1,745
9. Kyle Busch.....	1,731
10. Jeff Burton.....	1,725
11. David Reutimann.....	1,701
12. Denny Hamlin.....	1,679
13. Mark Martin.....	1,678
14. Kasey Kahne.....	1,619
15. Juan Pablo Montoya.....	1,617
16. Clint Bowyer.....	1,576
17. Brian Vickers.....	1,536
18. Marcos Ambrose.....	1,469
19. Martin Truex Jr.....	1,447
20. Dale Earnhardt Jr.....	1,434
21. Casey Mears.....	1,432
22. Jamie McMurray.....	1,418
23. Sam Hornish Jr.....	1,371
24. Reed Sorenson.....	1,362
25. Joey Logano.....	1,357

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Meijer 300 at Sparta, Ky. (9:30 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Northern Tool.com 250, June 20, The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis.

Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch.....	2,031
2. Carl Edwards.....	1,966
3. Jason Leffler.....	1,843

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

This week: Michigan 200 at Brooklyn, Mich.

Next race: Copart 200, June 19, The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis.

Driver Standings

1. Matt Crafton.....	1,202
2. Ron Hornaday Jr.....	1,172
3. Mike Skinner.....	1,163

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Brawn GP's Jenson Button won the Turkish Grand Prix for his sixth victory in seven races this season. Button passed pole-sitter Sebastian Vettel on the first lap and held on for a 6.7-second victory over Mark Webber. Vettel was third.

Next race: British Grand Prix, June 21, Silverstone circuit, Silverstone, England.

Driver Standings

1. Jenson Button.....	61
2. Rubens Barrichello.....	35
3. Sebastian Vettel.....	29

INDYCAR SERIES

Last race: Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves won for the third time at Texas Motor Speedway.

Next race: Iowa Corn Indy 250, June 21, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

Driver Standings

1. Ryan Briscoe.....	199
2. Scott Dixon.....	196
3. Dario Franchitti.....	188

NHRA

This week: United Association NHRA SuperNationals at Englishtown, N.J. (11 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Next event: Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Nationals, June 26-28, Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, Ohio.

Driver Standings

Top fuel	
1. Antron Brown.....	770
2. Tony Schumacher.....	752
3. Brandon Bernstein.....	701
Funny car	
1. Ron Capps.....	760
2. Tony Pedregon.....	702
3. Ashley Force Hood.....	700

Pro stock	
1. Jeg Coughlin.....	905
2. Mike Edwards.....	812
3. Jason Line.....	748

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Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon, left, celebrates with catcher George Kottaras after the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 6-5.

Heaven is seven as Sox top Yanks

By JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Mark Teixeira couldn't keep the New York Yankees from losing their eighth straight game to Boston — even with four hits, including his AL-leading 19th homer.

The Yankees' top pitching prize will have to try to stop the skid.

Mike Lowell homered off struggling Yankees starter Chien-Ming Wang, and Kevin Youkilis also connected to help give Boston a 6-5 victory on Wednesday night and a 7-0 record against New York this year. Wang was the second straight Yankees starter to leave after getting just eight outs, a trend CC Sabathia hoped to reverse in the series finale on Thursday night.

"Hopefully, we can sweep them again tomorrow," said Tim Wakefield, who beat the Yankees for the second straight time after losing nine of his previous 10 decisions against New York.

Teixeira spurned the Red Sox in the offseason to sign a \$180 million, eight-year contract with the archrival Yankees, the biggest for a position player on the free-agent market. Sabathia got the richest deal for a pitcher in baseball history over the winter — a \$161 million, seven-year contract.

The big left-hander also was hoping to save a bullpen that couldn't rescue either A.J. Burnett or Wang (0-4) when they couldn't get out of the third inning. Yankees manager Joe Girardi would not commit to giving Wang, whose ERA dropped from 14.46 to 14.34, another turn in the rotation.

"I'm not ready to make that decision right now," Girardi said. "We're seven minutes after the game, so it's something we'll discuss. I'll sleep on it. In five days, somebody will be out there."

Wakefield (8-3) allowed eight hits in six innings and improved to 5-0 at Fenway Park in five starts this year. The knuckleballer handed a 6-3 lead to a bullpen that had given up just one earned run in the past 17¹/₃ innings. After Ramon Ramirez gave up back-to-back homers to Johnny Damon and Teixeira in the seventh, Hideki Okajima came on to get four outs, and Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

"It's a tough bullpen, one of the toughest I've ever seen," Teixeira said.

Boston, which also beat the Yankees in their last matchup of the 2008 season, has its longest winning streak against New York since 1912.

AL roundup

Rays, Angels look for answers

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Division winners a year ago, the Tampa Bay Rays and Los Angeles Angels are battling inconsistency this season.

"If you're going to put together a streak, you have to play well. And to play well, you have to be a good team. We're trying to grow into that club," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said after a 9-5 loss to the Rays dropped his team to 4-4 on a nine-game road trip. "Certainly some things have to come together for us to be the club that we have the potential to be."

The Rays can say the same thing. While the Angels are 29-28 after winning the AL West last season, Tampa Bay is 30-31 following an improbable run to its first World Series appearance.

Wednesday night marked the 10th time the Rays have scored nine runs in a victory. However they're 6-13 in one-run games — the second-worst mark in the league behind the Chicago White Sox (4-9).

"You've got to win some close games, too," manager Joe Maddon said after a rare Tampa Bay victory over the Angels' John Lackey. "Sometimes your offense isn't going to score nine runs. You've got to be able to pitch and catch it, too."

Carlos Pena and Willy Aybar homered off Lackey, who had won nine of 10 previous decisions against the Rays.

Pena hit a solo homer in the third inning and Aybar added a two-run shot off Lackey (1-2) for a 9-5 lead in the fifth.

Aybar also had an RBI single during a five-run second in which the Rays began the inning with four straight hits, three of them well-placed grounders through the right side of the infield.

"Kind of everything that could happen wrong happened. Good pitches, they managed to get infield hits. I throw a bad pitch, and they were hitting those hard," Lackey said. "If a couple of those ground balls are at somebody, it's a different game."

Lance Cormier (1-1) pitched 2¹/₃ scoreless innings for the win.

The Rays ended a three-game losing streak in which the losses were by a total of four runs and Tampa Bay went 2-for-21 with runners in scoring position. The



REINHOLD MATAY/AP

Tampa Bay reliever Lance Cormier was credited with the victory as the Rays beat the California Angels 9-5 on Wednesday night.

Angels have lost three of four following a three-game winning streak.

Tigers 2, White Sox 1: At Chicago, Justin Verlander pitched a six-hitter for his first victory ever at Chicago. Jim Thome hit his 552nd home run and John Danks pitched 7¹/₃ innings, but the White Sox still fell 6¹/₂ games behind the AL Central leaders. Adam Everett homered for the Tigers, who have won five of six.

Verlander (7-2) struck out nine and walked one in his second complete game this year. He has a 7-0 record and league-low 1.10 ERA since April 27.

Twins 6, Athletics 3: At Oakland, Calif., pinch-hitter Jason Kubel hit a tying solo homer in the eighth and Delmon Young singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth. Joe Crede tripled off Andrew Bailey (4-1) to start the ninth. Pinch-runner Alexi Casilla

scored easily on Young's single up the middle. Brendan Harris added an RBI single and two wild pitches by Bailey cost the A's another run.

Royals 9, Indians 0: At Cleveland, Gil Meche (3-5) tied a career high with 11 strikeouts over seven innings and Kansas City hit three home runs. Alberto Calaspo had a career-high four hits, including his first career grand slam, and the Royals also got two-run homers from Jose Guillen and Miguel Olivo to win for only the fourth time in 19 games.

Mariners 4, Orioles 1: At Baltimore, Jose Lopez homered twice and Felix Hernandez pitched seven innings. Lopez finished with three hits, raising his batting average over the past 11 games to .364 (16 for 44). He hit a solo drive in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth for his third career multihomer game.



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STARS AND STRIPES

Rasmus' hit helps Cards top Marlins

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Pinch-hitter Colby Rasmus hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning after a costly error by center fielder Cody Ross, sending the St. Louis Cardinals to a 6-5 victory over the Florida Marlins on Thursday.

The Cardinals rallied for three runs in the eighth. Ross allowed Ryan Ludwick's RBI single to get past him for a two-base error that let an additional run score, and Rasmus followed with his tie-breaking hit.

Albert Pujols hit his 19th home run and Rick Ankiel added three hits for the Cardinals.

Ross Gload homered twice for the Marlins and drove in three runs in the first multihomer game of his career.

Trever Miller (2-0) pitched a scoreless seventh. Ryan Franklin recorded his 14th save by going 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

Pujols reached into the first-base stands and caught Wes Helms' foul popup with a runner on second for the final out.

Leo Nunez (2-3) took over in the eighth with Florida ahead 5-3. Ankiel led off with a single, Pujols walked on a full count and Ludwick singled. The ball got under Ross' glove and rolled to the wall, letting Ankiel and Pujols score the tying runs.

Rasmus batted for Miller and singled to right.

The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead in the first against Andrew Miller when Nick Stavinoza singled home Ankiel.

Gload put the Marlins ahead with a two-run homer in the second off St. Louis starter Todd Wellemeyer.

Ronny Paulino had an RBI single in the Marlins' fourth and Jeremy Hermida blooped an RBI single in the fifth for a 4-1 lead.

Miller was cruising, having retired 14 straight batters, until Ankiel singled in the sixth. Pujols followed with a two-run homer off the left-field foul pole.

Gload responded in the bottom half of the inning, leading off with a home run to right. He went into the game with only one home run this season.

Wellemeyer allowed five runs and 11 hits in six innings. Miller gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, striking out eight without a walk.

In Wednesday's game:

Cardinals 13, Marlins 4: Rick Ankiel had a double, triple and home run and Colby Rasmus also homered as St. Louis snapped a five-game losing streak. Brendan Ryan went a career-best 4 for 4, all singles, scored twice and drove in a run, and Tyler Greene had a career-high three hits.

Adam Wainwright (6-4) allowed four runs and four hits in seven innings.

Chris Volstad (4-6) was touched up for six runs and 10 hits over 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings in his third straight loss.

The Cardinals established season highs for runs and hits (18).

NL roundup

Werth's glove keys Phillies

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chase Utley got another chance to hit only because Jayson Werth made a dazzling defensive play.

The right fielder took a big gamble and saved his team with a diving catch, moments before Utley's second homer of the game sent the Philadelphia Phillies to a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets in 11 innings Wednesday night.

With a speedy runner on first and two outs in the 10th, Werth made a sensational grab of David Wright's sinking liner in the right-center gap. If the ball gets by, Fernando Martinez probably scores the winning run. But rather than play it safe and glove a single on one hop, Werth went all out.

"It was just one of those deals where I thought it was worth it," he said. "When the ball came out of the lights I thought, ohh, it's much closer than I expected. When I dove for it, I didn't expect to catch it."

He did, however, and then Utley led off the 11th with his 15th home run — and third in two nights. This one came on the second pitch by Bobby Parnell (2-1), handing the hard-throwing rookie his first big league loss.

In fact, it's the first home run Parnell has allowed in 29 career innings.

"Fastball in. The pitch he was looking for," Parnell said. "He's a good hitter. That's the pitch he wanted and that's what he wanted to do with it."

New York built a three-run lead against World Series MVP Cole Hamels. Helped by Wright's error at third base, the Phillies rallied against Mike Pelfrey and the New York bullpen to tie it 4-4



KATHY WILLENS/AP

New York's David Wright throws his helmet in frustration after his 10th-inning drive was flagged down by Philadelphia's Jason Werth.

in the seventh. The Mets have lost six times after leading by at least three runs.

Chan Ho Park (2-1) worked two scoreless innings for the victory and Ryan Madson, subbing for injured closer Brad Lidge, got three quick outs for his third save.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 4: At Phoenix, Bengie Molina homered and drove in three runs and Brian Wilson struck out the side for his seventh straight save. Molina hit a two-run homer in a four-run third inning as the Giants took a 5-1 lead against Doug Davis (3-7). Molina added an RBI single in the ninth.

Wilson earned his 16th save, locking up the victory for Barry Zito (3-6).

Padres 3, Dodgers 1: At Los Angeles, Kevin Correia retired the final 15 batters in a six-inning performance on three days' rest.

Correia (3-4) did not allow a baserunner after giving up a lead-off single in the second inning and allowed one run and four hits.

Heath Bell got three outs for his major league-leading 18th save.

Clayton Kershaw (3-5) went 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, giving up three runs and five hits.

Astros 2, Cubs 1: At Houston, Geoff Blum singled in the winning run with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning. The Cubs wasted a dominant start by Carlos Zambrano, who allowed a run and three hits through eight innings.

Blum lined a single up the middle after Angel Guzman (2-1) intentionally walked Lance Berkman to load the bases.

Chris Sampson (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

Pirates 3, Braves 2: At Atlanta, Adam LaRoche drove in two runs and Jeff Karstens pitched well in his new role as a reliever.

Charlie Morton started for the Pirates but lasted only one inning before a tight left hamstring ended his night.

Karstens (3-4), who was bumped to the bullpen by Morton's promotion, gave up one run in 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings to snap Pittsburgh's three-game skid.

Matt Capps got his 14th save.

Reds 4, Nationals 2 (12): At Washington, pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes hit a tiebreaking RBI double with two outs in the 12th.

Nick Masset (4-0) pitched two innings for the victory and David Weathers finished for his first save.

The Nationals scored both of their runs after a 2 hour, 10 minute rain delay in the bottom of the ninth.

In a Thursday game:

Pirates 3, Braves 1: At Atlanta, Andy LaRoche hit a two-out, two-run single in the ninth and Pittsburgh gained a split of a four-game series. LaRoche slapped a 3-2 pitch from Rafael Soriano (1-1) up the middle to snap a 1-1 tie.

Steven Jackson (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Matt Capps got his 15th save.

Atlanta's Javier Vazquez gave up two hits and one run in eight innings. Pittsburgh's Paul Maholm allowed four hits and an unearned run in seven innings in his sixth no-decision in eight games.

Rockies happier away from Mile High home

By COLIN FLY

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Colorado Rockies are making great use of their time away from Denver.

Troy Tulowitzki and Brad Hawpe homered and Jorge De La Rosa finally beat his old team, lifting Colorado to its seventh straight victory — all on the road — this a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night.

"The last week has been great for us. It's been needed. To do it on the road is what I think is impressive," said Hawpe, who is hitting a team-best .339. "Everybody's come together on the road and usually the road historically has been a tough place for the Rockies to play."

No more. Colorado is 18-18 on the road this season and has left all its struggles behind in the thin air of Denver, where the Rockies have won just nine times.

Their current winning streak is the longest since winning 11

straight in September 2007. That run helped propel the Rockies to the playoffs and eventually the World Series, in which they were swept by Boston.

This Colorado had a chance to do something the '07 team never did by matching its longest road winning streak in its 17-year history with a victory Thursday.

Milwaukee, which won 18 games in May, still leads the NL Central, but is just 3-6 in June despite being ahead in every game this month. In this one, the Brewers blew a 2-0 lead, just like they did Tuesday night.

"I wouldn't look at it and say that we're necessarily struggling a whole lot. We're just not winning games right now," Brewers starter Dave Bush said. "To me, there's a difference. You can lose games badly and you can lose close games, and we're losing close games."

Bush (3-3) gave up a two-out solo homer in the fourth to Tulowitzki and three straight doubles in

the fifth. Todd Helton's double scored Clint Barmes and Hawpe's double drove in Helton to give the Rockies a 3-2 lead. Hawpe homered off reliever Seth McClung in the seventh to make it 4-2.

Huston Street struck out the side in a perfect ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances.

De La Rosa (2-6) came into the game 0-2 with a 13.03 ERA in three appearances against Milwaukee, where he pitched for part of three seasons.

"I don't care who it's against, I just want to throw a good game and I think I did," De La Rosa said. "We're playing very good as a team and I hope we keep playing like this."

Milwaukee took a 2-0 lead in the third on RBI doubles by Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder.

Fielder's RBI tied him with Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez for the NL lead with 55. De La Rosa got the better of the Brewers slugger in the fifth, striking him out with two on and two out.

The rest of the Brewers' offense was silent. Milwaukee manager Ken Macha said he would give some of his struggling players a day off with J.J. Hardy hitting .223 this season, Corey Hart .239 and Bill Hall .205. Macha said it was too early to call it a bad season for the three young hitters who are expected to help protect Braun and Fielder.

"We've got a lot of games to play yet," Macha said. "We've got over 100 games to play. To classify a bad season with over 100 games to play is getting a little carried away. You run through dips."

De La Rosa, who started 0-6 this season, won his second straight decision and was finished after six innings, allowing two runs and four hits with eight strikeouts.

"I've seen him better than he was tonight, but I haven't seen him battle as well as he did," said Rockies manager Jim Tracy, who is 9-4 since taking over for the fired Clint Hurdle.

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Best ever?

Phil Jackson, seeking his 10th title, makes winning look easy. Maybe it's the Zen philosophy. Or maybe he's just that good.

By TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

Hedo Turkoglu was throwing in shots from everywhere, the Orlando Magic were outrebounding the Los Angeles Lakers, and even Jack Nicholson seemed to be getting worried. It was the third quarter of Game 2 in the NBA Finals, time for Phil Jackson to gather his players and work some magic of his own.

They huddled in front of the Lakers bench, eager for words of wisdom from the Zen Master. While Stan Van Gundy was yelling and waving his arms in an apoplectic fit at the other end of the court, Jackson delivered in his usual calm way.

"Make some shots," he told Kobe Bryant and his supporting cast.

Make some shots? Come on, Phil, the Lakers die-hards in the upper regions of section 328 at Staples Center could have come up with that. What was next? Grab some rebounds? Try guarding Turkoglu?

No sense in making things too terribly complicated.

Jackson said on the eve of the championship series that there wasn't much to do at this time of year other than pick the starting lineup and tell the players what time tip-off is.

Then again, Jackson has made it look easy for a long time. He sits courtside in these finals, poised on the brink of basketball history, all the while looking as if he would rather be at Malibu, contemplating the meaning of ocean waves.

Unlike Van Gundy, he doesn't yell, doesn't scream. Doesn't seem to be doing much of anything, really, other than watching Bryant take charge and telling his teammates what to do.

And he's surely the first coach who ever called out referees for not making a call that could have cost his team a victory in Game 2. He's so unorthodox that people in basketball can't figure him out. More has been made about his Zen philosophy than his ability to get his team to play better than the other team.

With his Lakers up 2-1 and Jackson edging closer to a record



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Lakers coach Phil Jackson has won nine NBA championships — two three-peats with the Chicago Bulls, one three-peat with Los Angeles.

10th NBA title as a coach, maybe it's time to start thinking of Jackson in a different way. Maybe it's time to begin recognizing him for what he really is.

The greatest coach in NBA history. Perhaps the greatest coach ever. In any sport. Fans of Red Auerbach might recoil at the thought, even if Jackson passes the Boston Celtics great with a 10th title. They would say Auerbach helped change the way basketball is played — and pave the way for new people to play it — with the Celtics, and all Jackson did was adopt someone else's triangle offense and get lucky with some of the greatest players in the game's history.

It's a fair criticism, even when broached to Jackson. He had

Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Shaquille O'Neal and Bryant. Other coaches didn't.

"I'll accept it," Jackson said. "You have to have the special players to make the finals. That's why they're special players — because they get to this position at the end of the season."

Although Jordan might have won a few titles no matter who was coaching in Chicago, someone had to keep Jordan happy, Pippen engaged and the rest of the team in sync for two three-peats. Likewise, someone had to keep Bryant and Shaq off each other's backs long enough for another three-peat in Los Angeles.

And Jackson had to be doing something right to get a \$30 million contract to rejoin the Lak-

ers, even after writing a book acknowledging that he lobbied to get Bryant traded during his first stint with the team and deriding his star's pettiness in wanting a bigger plane provided by the Lakers to take him to his sexual-assault hearing in Colorado.

In the end, the rings count more than anything, to Jackson and the superstar who now professes, at least publicly, grudging respect for his coach. At last count, Jackson had nine. Bryant had three.

"I'm just honored to be coached by the best coach of all time," Bryant said last week. "It would be a tremendous honor to be on the team that can get him that 10th championship."

That would move Jackson past Auerbach, but it's more than that.

Although Auerbach won his titles with Bill Russell dominating the middle, Jackson has won with different stars and different teams. He has been able to adapt to different changes, all during an era in which players had more autonomy and say than they did in the 1950s and '60s.

It might not look as if he's doing much, but he's a winner.

In a few short days he could become the biggest winner, with a ring for every finger and both thumbs.

That's assuming that he can get his team to make a few more shots.

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